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Lowndes County, Mississippi

Wills

1830-1866

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FOREWORD

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The original plan to abstract the wills of Lowndes County, Mississippi was to cover the years 1830 to the beginning of Will Book One of Lowndes County which starts about 1858. Later, it was decided to continue until 1866, the year following the end of the War Between the States. This meant having to stop before completing Will Book One. It is hoped that at a later date the remaining wills in Will Book One can be abstracted. For the benefit of those interested in a will or wills of some of the people named in these abstracts, the remaining wills are listed in this book. This list was made from the Index to Will Book One for Lowndes County. Copies of these wills, or any of those abstracted can be had by writing the County Chancery Clerk, Columbus, Mississippi

When compiling records ones own County, one becomes familiar with the handwriting of the various clerks who recorded the records; the names of the residents, even though the names may be spelled in several different ways. When compiling in another county, with unfamiliar handwriting and spelling of names, the compiler must, often, be more careful in the spelling of names. Every effort has been made to record the dates and names in these abstracts as accurately as possible.

I wish to thank Mrs. Lillian Plant Nickles of Aberdeen, Mississippi, for her assistance in compiling these will abstracts of Lowndes County, Mississippi

Elizabeth C. Jones
Aberdeen, Mississippi

Jones # 7.50 1-9-68 p.o. 4874

WILLS OF
LOWNDES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
1830 - 1866

Thomas Middleton - Probate Book One - Page 85

Written March 12, 1832

To grandson, Macon (Malcolm?) C. Middleton, slave and property
To wife, Nancy Middleton, remaining part of goods and chattels

Executors: Silas Kolb, Jesse Mayfield

Witnesses: David Stevenson, Francis and Elizabeth Greer

Recorded: September 5, 1832

Ebenezer Bliss - Probate Book One - Page 112

Written August 25, 1832

Ebenezer Bliss had been taken suddenly ill on the even of the 14th inst. and from extreme weakness was notable to have a will formerly executed but who we believe was at the time in the exercise of his natural reason and fully competent to make a disposition of his property - We do further certify the following to be his last will and testament - 1st. Let all my just debts be paid. 2nd. I will and bequeath to my dear mother residing in Springfield, Massachusetts two hundred dollars. 3rd. I will and bequeath to the American Board of Commission for Foreign Missions the residue of my property. 4th. It is my wish and desire that Cyrus Kingsbury and James Walton settle up my affairs as executors. Called by Bliss at his bedside August 15, 1832. Bliss died the next day.

Edward Kewen - Probate Book One - Page 172

Written December 20, 1832

To three sons, Edward Kewen (Jr.), Achilles Kewen and Thomas Kewen, entire estate.

To wife, Nancy H. Kewen and her child, Alonzo, which was born before her elopement from "my home", \$5.00, to be equally divided between them. Edward Kewen states that he does not believe this is his child.

Executors: John H. Hand, James T. (or L.) Wood, Charles H. Abert, Robert D. Haden

James T. Wood to have custody of the three sons of Edward Kewen

Witnesses: T. M. Tucker, J. W. Bryn, George Shaeffer

Recorded: January 16, 1833

Benjamin Nail - Probate Book One - Page 239

Written February 19, 1833

To wife, Dicy Nail, all lands in Lowndes County, Mississippi
After her death to children: Eustatia Thomas and Mipeniah Nail
"now residing with me".

Son, Cyrus Nail, to have none of property as he has already received his share.

To wife, Dicy Nail and daughter, Eustatia Thomas, slaves

Executor: Nathan Ray (or Roy)

Witnesses: Silas McBee, James F. Trotter

Recorded: September 13, 1833

Jesse Mayfield - Probate Book One - Page 250

Written August 8, 1833

To wife, Francis Mayfield, property

To three sons, John Mayfield, William Mayfield and Jesse Mayfield, property at death of their mother, or if she remarries

Executor: Francis Mayfield

Witnesses: William G. Wright, Robert Dowdle, Silas Kolb

Recorded: October 16, 1833

Peter Rickman - Probate Book One - Page 257

Written March 8, 1833

To son, John Rickman, property and slaves

To son, William Rickman, slaves

To wife, Sarah Rickman, lands in Pickens County, Alabama

Executors: Sarah Rickman and son, John Rickman

Probated: October 17, 1833

John Mullin - Probate Book One - Page 309

Written July 19, 1833

To wife, Martha Mullin, property

To daughter, Seanna Boswell, wife of James Boswell, and her children, slaves

To daughter, Latha Taylor, slave

Sons, Ira Mullin and Swift Mullin; daughter, Lucy Nash, all left slaves

Son, Perry Mullin, to share in sale of horse

Executor: John Halbert

Witnesses: Andrew Weir, William L. Clark, Ovid P. Brown

Probated: June 7, 1834

Abner Nash - Probate Book Two - Page 49

Written March 10, 1832

Wife, Betsey Nash, nine oldest children: Alanson, Deedamia, Gabriel Evans, William Whitfield, Julie, Theodosia Ryland, Hervey, Nimrod Newton and Esse Udoxy Nash

Mentions son, John Abner Bunyan and daughter, Polly Ann Long

Son, Gabriel Nash to be guardian of John A. Bunyan; and son, William Nash to be guardian of Polly Ann Long.

Executors: Three sons, Gabriel Evans Nash, Alanson Nash and William Whitfield Nash

Witnesses: Micajah Brooks, G. A. Spencer, Thomas Brooks

Proved: March 1835

Virinda Cook - Probate Book Two - Page 137

Written February 14, 1835

To brother, Cornelius Cook, money; to brother, James Cook, slaves

Alexander Cook, nephew, money

Executor: "Friend" Uncle, Robert Shotwell

Also mentions "Aunt Catherine Shotwell"

Witnesses: George Nelson, Selia? Nelson

Sworn to: April 13, 1835

George W. Butler - Probate Book Two - Page 105

Written January 1835

Nephew, Clinton G. W. Butler of Decalb County, Georgia; sister, Rhoda Butler, also of Decalb County, Georgia

Anna McLaughlin, daughter of former partner, Gerard McLaughlin of Richmond County, Georgia

Executors: Samuel B. McCown, W. N. (or M.) Tapp

Witnesses: Gibson Hill, G. W. Bonnell, Henry Dickson

Proved: March 14, 1835

John Pitchlynn - Probate Book Three - Page 1

Written October 12, 1833

To wife, Sophia Pitchlynn, slaves

Land granted son Silas Pitchlynn, by Treaty of Dancing Rabbit, which was by his request divided between his three sisters, Eliza Pitchlynn, Betsey Pitchlynn and Kizzah Pitchlynn, This land sold by John Pitchlynn for \$4,000.00

Son, Thomas Pitchlynn; and three daughters, Eliza, Betsey and Kizzah Pitchlynn, all left slaves

To grandson, William Pitchlynn, son of Joseph Pitchlynn, deceased, slaves

Grandson, William Howde?, slave

Son, Peter Pitchlynn, and daughters, Mary Garland and Rhoda Howde? already been given equal share.

Executors: Wife, Sophia Pitchlynn; sons, Peter and Thomas Pitchlynn, and brother-in-law, Samuel Garland

Witnesses: Redding B. Johnson (or Johnston), L. L. Wilkins, M. A. Thompson

Probate not copied

Wills copied from Probate Records Book "B", Lowndes County, Miss.

John H. Rodgers - Page 10 - Written October 29, 1836

Nuncupative will made in presence of Richardson Owen, William Gardner and Henry N. Furr

Property to be sold, debts paid and send money to mother (not named).

Clothes to be given to brother, also not named

Probated: May 3, 1836

Jonathon Potts - Page 42 - Written October 30, 1835

Executor: Thomas R. Witherspoon

Names children: Elizabeth, wife of Asa Blake; Clementine Potts, Nancy Caroline Potts, Jane Bryan Potts, Henry W. Potts, Mary Potts, Mary Incinda Potts, Alfred Potts and Martha Margaret Potts

Witnesses: Henry Dickenson, Thomas Epps, Burrell Earp?

Probated: June 1836

Willie Leadbetter - Page 90 - Written October 11, 1836

To brothers, Thomas, John and William Leadbetter, slaves

To brother, John Leadbetter, watch



Witness: Wiatt Randle

Probated: January 16, 1837

Alexander F. Robbins - Page 120 - Written February 10, 1837

To Louisa Harrell?, watch

All residue of estate to brother, Samuel W. Robbins

Executors: William W. Black, John Powell

Witnesses: Arguile Campbell, John Davis, Frederick Hook

Will not signed because of disability of Alexander F. Robbins

Probated: March 20, 1837

Anthony Gallop - Page 123 - Written February 13, 1836

To grandson, Antony Burg?, cattle

To daughter, Hannah Dosiér, money

Names sons, Jessie and Antony Gallop

To wife, Hannah Gallop, all of estate

Executors: Wife, Hannah Gallop and son, Jessie Gallop

Probated: March 21, 1837

William J. Leadbetter - Page 126 - Written December 10, 1836

To brother, Thomas R. Leadbetter, all land "I live on", and also named executor

Witnesses: Peyton Randall, Grey and Celia Leadbetter

Probated: April 17, 1837

Roland M. Letcher - Page 146 - Written in Lawrence County, Alabama, December 18, 1834

States that he had sold plantation "I live on" to Needham Whitley and, that he had bought land with Thornton K. and Thomas M. Thompson Wife, Sophia Letcher to be executrix and guardian of children who are not named in the will

Witnesses: J. G. Letcher, J. T. Iansford, J. V. Johnson

Probated in Lowndes County, Miss.: July 20, 1837

Thomas Jefferson Norris - Page 150 - Written April 8, 1837

To wife, Susan T. Norris, all property except watch which is left to the father of Thomas J. Norris (Father not named in will)

Witnesses: William Dowsing, John Davis

Probated: July 27, 1837

Dace James - Page 151 - Written May 26, 1837

To wife, Ruthy James, slaves, stock lands and other

Witnesses: Umphries, Vina and Ann Magee

Probated: July 28, 1837

Edmond M. Covington - Page 152 - Written July 16, 1837

Aunt, Elizabeth Roberson, wife of Francis P. Roberson of South Carolina

To Barker. Holeman, son of Richard J. Holeman, \$1,000.00

Mentions "my beloved father, William Covington" who is named executor

Witnesses: Thomas G. Elewett, E. F. Musgrove, A. Boykin

Probated: September 12, 1837

Thomas J. Forbes - Page 169 - Written August 19, 1837

Watch to sister, Lucy F. Forbes, residing in Bangor, Maine
Mentions W. M. Grant, physician; and Sarah F. Woodhull (sister?)
Executors: Pascal Wade, P. B. Byron? Barker, George R. Clayton of
Columbus, Miss.; and brother, Charles Forbes of Bangor, Maine
Witnesses: D. Lipscomb, Samuel Davis
Probated: September 19, 1837

Jason C. Crigler - Page 209 - Written December 13, 1837

Nuncupative will in presence of Nimrod Davis, Pannel (or Purnel)
' Taylor and Robert Webb
To wife, Elizabeth Crigler, all property
John A. Crigler; father-in-law, William Weaver, and wife, Elizabeth
Crigler named executors
Probated: January 17, 1838

David Myers - Page 217 - Written June 26, 1833

This will also recorded in Probate Book "M", page 262
David Myers was of Richland County, South Carolina
To Betsey Myers, wife of cousin, Henry Myers, slave
To daughter, Nancy Myers, \$10,000.00
To son, Robert Myers, land, some of which was purchased from the
estate of Charles Clifton. Mentions other lands bought from Widow
Neseper and Jacob Desaker
To sons, Robert Myers, Claiborne Myers, David Myers, Jr., slaves
Names daughter, Elizabeth O'Hanlon
States that daughter Mary Clendenin Myers had received a fortune
from her grandfather (not named in will)
Executors: Daughter, Nancy Myers; son, Robert Myers; son-in-law,
James O'Hanlon; friends Hon. John B. O'Neal, James Hopkins, Esq.,
Thomas S. Grinke, Esq.
Witnesses: Judah Barrett, G. Chapman, James Chestney
Codicil added: Executors also to include sons, Claiborne and David
Codicil witnessed by: John Rowan, William T. Sneed, John L. Infinger?
Probated: July 23, 1834

William Pope - Page 240 - Written May 29, 1838

To sister, Mary Williams, slave
Mentions heirs of Thomas Bragg and Rlaney Bland
Executrix: Sister, Mary Williams
Probated: September 17, 1838

Charles Hardy - Page 266 - Written Tuscaloosa Alabama June 27, 1838

Executors: James J. Banks, William W. Hardy, Monroe County, Georgia
and William B. Winston, Columbus, Mississippi
Estate contained 1,000 acres in Newton County, Georgia; and 11,400
acres of land in Mississippi
\$1,500.00 to be divided between five children (not named) and wife,
Emily Hardy.

Witnesses: David Scott, George D. Purcell, E. B. Vaughan
Probated: November 7, 1838

Richard Hightower - Page 271 - Written November 2, 1838
Grandchildren, heirs of Susan Wilman, namely: William Maranda?
and Charles Lane (This may be William, Maranda (Miranda) and Charles
Lane; will shows no comma between first two names)
Names brother, Joshua Hightower and Sister Susan Smith (One Joshua
Hightower left will in Chickasaw County, Mississippi)
Daughter, Susan Wilmore, wife of James Wilmore, slave, in possession
of Soppa Letcher (Sophia Letcher, widow of Roland M. Letcher?)
Executor: Son-in-law, James Wilmore
Witnesses: John Thornton, John T. Connell, Henry Dickinson
Proved: December 3, 1838

John H. Odeneal - Page 305 - Written January 23, 1839
To sister, Jane H. Odeneal, slave
Witness: M. Odeneal
Probated: February 1839

John Thomas - Page 309 - Written
Wife, Feribee Thomas named executrix
Daughter, Jane Christian, wife of Edwin K. Austin; her children:
Leonidus and Resety Catherine Christian and Sarah Francis Austin
Sons, John S. Thomas and Samuel S. Thomas
Witnesses: Willie Buck, James W. Harrell, W. W. Vaughn, B. B. Duke
Recorded: May 13, 1839

Edward Dearing - Page 333 - Written March 23, 1839
Wife, Julia Ann Dearing, property, to be divided between her and
her heir, if she has one.
Executors: Alexander B. Dearing, brother; wife, Julia Ann Dearing
Witnesses: Samuel McGowen, Patrick H. Jones
Probated: July 24, 1839

Susannah Butler - Page 348 - Written February 16, 1839
Estate to her children; William Butler, Sally Butler, Patsy Butler,
John Butler, Willis Butler and Washington Butler
Executor: William B. Shepard, also guardian of children
Witnesses: Roddy Smith, Sewell Norris
Probated: August 1839

David Leech - Page 356 - Written April 3, 1839
To David Leech, son of Joseph Leech, land
To John Leech, son of James Leech, land
To David Leech, son of James Leech, land in Graves County, Kentucky
To John Leech, son of Joseph Leech, land in Caleva County, Kentucky
To Ephraim Leech, son of William Leech, land
To Alfred Leech, son of William Leech, land in Winston County, Miss.
All money which remains to Ephraim Leech and Francis Prince, Seignor,

of Lowndes County, Mississippi

Executor: Ephraim Leech

Witnesses: F. E. Harris, Thomas Y. Moore

Probated: September 1839

Thomas McGee - Page 366 - Written November 13, 1838

To wife, Mary C. McGee, land, etc; some land bought from Dr. A. J. Hodges

Land also bought from Dr. W. W. Topp

Mentions children who are not named in will

Witnesses: Anthony J. Hodges, Madison Walthall

Probated: November 14, 1839

Rebecca Bolling - Page 368 - Written July 17, 1838

Mentions Elenora Key, "in a situation of independence"?

To Richard Henry Brown, money

Brothers, Warner Bolling, Yelverton Bolling, Thomas Bolling and William Bolling and sister, Mary T. Rops (Ross?O, slave

To Alfred Ross, money

Mentions niece, Rebecca Bolling, daughter of Thomas Bolling and

Rebecca Bolling, daughter of Dr. R. E. Meade and wife, Francis Meade

"my sister"; and Harriet E. Brown

To Sarah Lightfoot, bureau

Names sisters: Harriett Eggleston, Martha Elcan; and nieces, Seignore?

Smith, Elizabeth R. Meade and Eleanora Hay

Executors: Richard Henry Brown, A. Boykin

Witnesses: Richard Henry Brown, E. F. Watkins, William B. Lightfoot

Probated: November 22, 1839

David J. Wilson - Page 374 - Written

Names wife, Jane Wilson and brother, John Wilson

Mentions estate of Robert J. Brown

Children of sister, Mary Wilson, wife of David E. Wilson

Executors: Wife, Jane Wilson; brothers, John M. Ervin and James W. Ervin*

Witnesses: E. P. Odeneal, F. F. Gibson, A. Reynolds

Probated: November 23, 1839

* Lowndes County marriage records show that David J. Wilson married Jane M. Ervin, so John M. and James W. Ervin must have been brothers-in law.

Elizabeth Long - Page 387 - Written December 4, 1830 in Halifax County, North Carolina

To son, Nicholas John Long of Murry County, Tennessee, money due in Tennessee and Louisiana

Friend, Benjamin S. Long of Halifax County, N. C. property in Halifax (town), North Carolina

Names son, Richard H. Long and daughter, Louisa Blount, wife of Reading (also called Redding) Blount

Executors: Son-in-law, Reading S. Blount and friend, Benjamin S. Long

Witnesses: Martin Reed and Henry Wilkes
Probated: May 22, 1853

Ann Tinsley - Page 390 - Written Goochland (County?), Virginia, March 23, 1836

Daughter, Maria F. Brown, \$3,000.00
Children of son, Henry F. Richardson
Great-granddaughter, Mary Ann Walker
To Martha Richardson, wife of Henry P. Richardson, slave
Mentions Dr. Edwin F. Watkins
To Frederick Perkins, in trust for granddaughter, Mildred Watkins, slave
Names great-grandson, Washington Johnson Watkins
Granddaughters, Ann Perkins, Elizabeth Johnson, Harriet Johnson,
Sarah Ann Tinsley, money
Daughter, Eliza P. Royster, money
Executors: Frederick Perkins, Archer Brice, James Fife, Edwin Porter
Witnesses: Thomas Binford, James Galt, Mary French
Probated: March 1840

John W. Bryn - Page 393 - Written October 2, 1839

Elias E. Bryn and Joseph P. Waddell, executors
Wife, Mary Bryn
Two grandchildren, Elizabeth Bibb and Elizabeth Samuel Bryn, slave
Witnesses: Harrison Hall, John A. Franklin
Probated: January 23, 1840

Wade Gordon - Page 405 - Written August 27, 1839

To wife, Margaret Gordon, slave
Children mentioned but not named
Executor: James H. Turner
Witnesses: B. Sweringen, Isaac Shook
Probated: February 1840

Deborah Dubrietz - Page 428 - Written August 21, 1824 Chathan
County, North Carolina

Names daughter, Louisa Dubrietz
Son, Joseph John Jones, plantation
Granddaughter, Deborah Jones, slave
Names friends, Robert Palmer and Thomas Waddell
Two daughters, Maria and Caroline
Grandchildren, Mariah Ramsey, Albert Ramsey, John Ramsey, money
Executors: John Kelly, John Cruso, Charles P. Jones
Witnesses: George Wilcox, John McCleod
Probated: March 11, 1840

Thomas Brown - Page 447 - Written December 23, 1839, Bladen County,
North Carolina

Three children, Thomas W. Brown, Lucy Ann Brown and Sophia Caroline
Brown, whole of estate
Friends, Roddy Smith and Judge Fields of Columbus, Mississippi

Friend, Dr. Alexander McDowell of Bladen County, North Carolina,
guardian of Lucy Ann Brown
John Owen, Bladen County, guardian of Sophia Caroline Brown
Executor: Son, Thomas W. Brown
Witnesses: John Smith, John S. Richardson
Probated: July 18 (or 14), 1840

Sally Anderson - Page 451 - Written February 20, 1837
Mother, Emily Anderson
Names: Amanda Irby, Vilot, Lucy and John Bryant, Eliza Banon,
Cornelius Chandler
Witnesses: H. C. Irby, George M. Mullin
Probated: July 22, 1840

David Carpenter - Page 321 - Written June 8, 1837
Written Norwich, New London County, Connecticut and Montgomery, Ala.
Wife, Sarah H. Carpenter, mansion home
Brother, Gerard F. Carpenter; brother-in-law, Walter Lester, both
of Norwich, Conn. Names brother-in-law, Seth Robinson; sister Nancy
Carpenter
Sister, Mary Ann Lester, deceased; two children of brother-in-law,
Seth Robinson, namely: Daniel C. Robinson and Sarah C. Robinson
Witnesses: Richard P. Tracy, Burrell Lathron, John T. Waite
Probated: December 1837

Wills recorded in Probate Records "D"

Marshall Franks - Page 1 - Written October 10, 1839
Eldest son, Thomas Franks; Sarah Ross, wife of John Ross; son, Brewton
Franks; son, Martin Franks, Milly Atkins, wife of Spenper Atkins;
Rebecca Atkinson, wife of Martha Atkinson; son, Jonathon Franks
Heirs of Sarah Ross; and son, Gabriel Franks
Executor: Gabriel Franks
Witnesses: S. H. Randall, William G. Edmundson, George A. Duncan
Proved: Pickens County, Alabama, January 13, 1840

Francis A. Wood - Page 2 - Written May 15, 1840
Wife, Sarah M. Wood
Son, William Fisk Wood, land bought of Moses Wright; also land in
Fayette County, Alabama
Asks that wife, Sarah M. Wood, with brother, Thomas B. Wood, be
guardian of son. If Thomas B. Wood should die, then appoints John M.
Wood as next guardian
Mentions Dr. W. Buck
Mother, Lockey Wood, given one cow
Witnesses: William Beith (or Veitch), Jr., R. Owen, Isaac Hearon
Probated: August 1840

Edward Sims - Page 10 - Written February 2, 1838
Wife, Sarah Sims, a tract of land, one described as on Rum Creek,
joining Mother Banks? .?

Children: Mary Jane Sims, Priscilla Ann Sims, Jane Hamilton Sims, and Frances Jennet Sims, all given land in Noxubee County, Mississippi Daughter, Junett Jones Ready, the Gopson tract in Lowndes County, Miss. Granddaughter, Elvira Cunningham Sims, daughter of John C. Sims
Mentions "unfortunate son, Rufus Rice Sims"
Executors: Aaron Reedy, John W. Napier, Willis Banks
Witnesses: Stephen Miller, Joseph C. Simonton, H. C. Kidder
Probated: Tuscaloosa County, Alabama August 1840

John Crigler - Page 14 - Nuncupative will written September 3, 1840
John Crigler died September 1, 1840; will made in presence of Micajah Brooks, Matthew Patton, Robert Ellis and Pannel Taylor
Wife, Sophia Crigler, and William Weaver, to have management of sale of estate. Wife may keep all estate "so long as she keeps my name", then to have only her part according to law.
Filed October 5, 1840

James Brown - Page 23 - Written August 1840
States that at the late residence where James Brown had lived for 20 months, that said Brown died August 27, 1840. He called on Micajah Brooks, George Barksdale, James Webb, Pannell Taylor and James Davis to carry out his wishes.
Pannell Taylor to take charge of all property, that he purchase a gold watch and give to Lucy Jane Crigler. All balance of property to Mildred Frances, daughter of Pannel Taylor
Witnesses: George Barksdale, James Webb, James M. Davis
Probated: October 5, 1840

Thomas R. Ledbetter - Page 23 - Written August 10, 1840
Mother and father to have all landed estate during their lives.
At their deaths, to brother, John Ledbetter
Witnesses: Jesse B. Covington, John G. Page, Charles E. Taliaferro
Probated: October 5, 1840

Zilphia Perkins - Page 25 - Written May 24, 1838 at Somerset Plantation, Madison Parish, Louisiana
To step-son, John Perkins, slave. To step-son, William, also slave,
Executor: John Perkins
Witnesses: John P. Furniss, William Rhodes
Proved Louisiana: June 26, 1840

Betsey Nash - Page 29 - Written May 24, 1840
Ten oldest children to have the \$2,000.00 "that I now hold their note on".
Children mentioned: Polly Ann Nash, Deidoma Nash, Theodotia Nash, Essie Nash, Nancy Nash, daughters; sons: Alanson Nash, Gabriel Nash, William Julius Nash, Ryland Nash, Newton Nash and John Nash
Recorded: December 7, 1840
Attest to handwriting of Betsey Nash, Julius J. Nash

William Davitt - Page 69 - Written Greene County, Alabama, June 25, 1840
This will is also recorded in Monroe County, Miss., in Deed Book 17,
Page 97

To Charles M. Barry and wife, Jane Barry, slave; to daughter, Elizabeth Myatt, wife of William Myatt (Mayes?), slave. To granddaughters, Ann A. Davitt, Jane B. B. Davitt, and Margaret Davitt, slave. To daughter, Margaret Jane Mayes, slave and money. To son-in-law, M. I. (or J.) Mayes and wife, Elizabeth, money; to Mary M. Davitt, cattle.

Executor: Andrew P. Barry

Witnesses: Arthur M. McDow, James Means

Proved: Eutaw, Greene County, Alabama December 3, 1840

Samuel Farris - Page 73 - Written May 5, 1839

Damuel Farrism the younger, late of Parish of St. Thomas the Apostle, in the County of Devon in England, but now residing in the Yazoo Valley of the State of Mississippi, North America (Surgeon and Apothecary)

"Should I die in England, my earnest desire is that my mortal remains may be conveyed with the least possible expense to the Parish of St. Thomas and there interred in the vault besides my dear departed mother. If I should die in a foreign land, I request to be decently laid in the earth".

Appoint trustly friends, William Conrand? and James Cook Conn?, brothers of No. 5 Park Place in Exeter in Devon, accountants and John Staydon? as trustees of a fund for life for father, Samuel Farris (Sr.), in a house on Alphrington Street

William Farris to be guardian of his children, John and his sister Farris?

Also mentions friend, Henry Tanner Fowlkes

Witnesses: Thomas G. Blewett, of Columbus, Miss.; Thomas G. Blewett, Jr. also of Columbus, Miss.; George H. Regn? of Holmes County, Mississippi

Probated: June 1, 1841

Alexander Young - Page 79 - Written March 7, 1838

Names daughters: Mary Ann Hutchins, wife of Mark Hutchins; Lucinda Campbell, wife of Argyle Campbell, of Mississippi; Ann E. Anderson, wife of William J. Anderson of Virginia; Amanda Wadlington, wife of James Wadlington. To Amanda Wadlington, a slave.

Son, Morduit? A. Young, Thomas Wilson of Winchester his guardian Granddaughter, Elizabeth Hutchins, daughter of Mark and Mary Ann Hutchins

Grandson, William Alexander Campbell, son of Arthur L. Campbell of Virginia.

Mentions claims upon persons in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia or elsewhere to be equally divided between children

Witnesses: Thomas Wilson, Ed Venable, W. Estell

Names son, James and his children (who are not named in will)

Codicil added March 7, 1838, another on April 22, 1838

Probated: Winchester, Franklin County, Tennessee, October 9, 1840

Lowndes County, Mississippi September 16, 1841

Reuben Wade - Page 99 - Written June 16, 1838

Reuben Wade was of Jefferson County, Alabama

To son, Woodson Wade, land

Granddaughters, Cunella Porter, Lucy Wade, Virginia Wade

Grandson, Mitchell Porter, John Wade

Daughter, Mady Atkins

Balance of estate to be divided equally between "my children":

Woodson Wade, Mary Wade and America Wade

Witnesses: Levi Adams, John W. Buford, Elias W. Degarmette?

Filed: Jefferson County, Alabama November 2, 1841

R. A. Maddox - Page 188 - Nuncupative will

R. A. Maddox had stated about 12 A. M. on 19 November 1841 which was on Friday, that he wanted all property and monies after his business was closed to be sent to his father in Carlesville or Cartersville, Virginia. He was asked about 8 P. M. Saturday if he remembered his wishes stated on Friday, and he answered in the presence of Mrs. Simmer? and Mrs. Brownrigg that he did remember and that this was his wish. Signed: Gains Whitfield Recorded January 1842

B. F. Moore, also, certified that the above was correct and he was appointed administrator of the estate of R. A. Maddox

Ambrose J. Rose - Page 142 - Written Columbus, Miss., May 3, 1837

To wife, Elizabeth R. Rose, all estate, both real and personal "that I may have or own at the time of my death"

Samuel J. Gholson and James T. Harrison to aid and assist wife in "winding up my affairs".

Executrix: Elizabeth R. Rose

Witnesses: William L. Clark, James T. Harrison, Tilghman M. Tucker

Recorded: July 20, 1837

From Probate Book "C", page 304 - Elizabeth R. Rose, guardian of Frances M. Rose and Jane Rose, received \$255.32 legacy from the estate of James Madison of Virginia

Thomas Brownrigg - Page 143 - Written August 24, 1841

To children of sister, Elizabeth, viz: Mary, William, Thomas, Sherod and Susan

To niece, Claudia Brownrigg, daughter of brother, John H. Brownrigg deceased. all property after all debts are paid subject to "my sister, Sarah Sparkman, having a home and enough land to cultivate during her lifetime".

B. T. Long to refund one-half of purchase money of all land and cost before he has half of the land which is all in name of Thomas Brownrigg. In case of death of Claudia Brownrigg, daughter of brother, John H. Brownrigg, "then I wish the sixth part of above to pass and be the property of my sister Elizabeth's children"

Executors: Richard T. Brownrigg, William Sparkman; and sister, Elizabeth A. Long

Witnesses: Adolphus A. Weir, George N. Smith, M. W. Brownrigg

Recorded: December 9, 1841

Ruffin Coleman - Page 196 - Written August 6, 1849

This will is also recorded in Probate Records "I"

Real estate in Mississippi to be sold and slaves removed to State of Alabama

Names, brother, Daniel Coleman and his children; nephew, James L. Coleman; niece, Elizabeth L. Coleman

Witnesses: J. J. Vasser, C. W. Wilburn, R. W. Ogilby

Recorded: Limestone County, Alabama, January 28, 1850

Lowndes County, Mississippi February 26, 1850

Mary T. Ross - Page 244 - Written June 1842

Executors: Friends, William B. Winston, Richard T. Brownrigg

Mentions monies from real estate and personal property "coming to me from the State of Virginia"

Brother, William S. Bolling, \$1,000.00, provided the sum realized from Virginia was \$4,000.00 or more

Stephen Cocke and William L. Harris named trustee for son, Thomas Boling Tabb, after his death to his children, if any; if he dies without issue, then nephew, Thomas Tabb, to have one-half; other half to brothers, Thomas R. Warner and William S. Boling

Witnesses: Haney S. Taylor, Charles H. Morse, Isham Harrison, Jr.

Probated: October 5, 1842

From package #384 - Order for tombstone for Mary T. Ross, to have the following inscription "In memory of Mary T. Ross, daughter of Thomas Tabb and Seignura? Bolling who was born near Petersburg, Virginia, April A. D. 1783?. died in Columbus, Mississippi July 28, 1842"

One William T. Bolling is mentioned in the estate papers of Mary T. Ross

Stephen Bennett - Page 269 - Nuncupative will written January 2, 1843

Daughter, Sarah Bennett, over and above what is left to other children, a slave.

Younger children (not named) who have not received any estate to have their share

Children residing with father at time of his death to remain on plantation for one year to make another crop.

Remaining property to be divided between all legal heirs

Josiah Bennett, William and Micajah Bennett to have charge of estate

Witnesses: Catherine B. and Josiah Bennett

Probated: January 3, 1843

Henry E. Cannon - Page 284 - Written November 1842

To wife, furniture; one-third of rent or sale of plantation, also one-third of any land that "may be allotted to me from my Father's estate in South Carolina"; slaves, some purchased (lately) from Dunstan Banks. If wife dies intestate property to be divided among "my children or their issue who may be living at the time of the death of my intestate wife".

Balance of property to be divided among children: Henrietta Cannon,

Charles Cannon, Anna Cannon, Jane Cannon and Caroline Cannon
William R. Cannon and Thomas E. Cannon, trustees for daughters
Executors: Friend, Thomas R. Cannon; and wife (who is not named in will)

W. R. Cannon and Thos. E. Cannon guardian of children until they marry or become of age

Witnesses: T. C. Malone. John T. Connell, E. J. Monger

Codicil added, February 10, 1843: Executors given full power to sell lands in Lowndes County and State of Mississippi. Witnesses to codicil John T. Connell and James E. Harrell

Recorded: May 19, 1843

Robert Freeman - Page 287 - Written August 20, 1836, Oglethorpe County,, Georgia

To wife, Elizabeth F. Freeman, during her widowhood, carriage, horse, stock, furniture, etc.; all land "whereon I now live" which lies south side of road leading from Lexington to Athens; slaves, but none to be taken out of county.

If she marries, slaves immediately become property of nephew, John Rhymes Freeman

George Scott and children to have nothing.

To brother, Foster (or Festor) Freeman, slaves

To brother, Dread J. Freeman, slaves

To nephew, James A. Blanton and his two sister, Mary Alexander and Sarah Reid, slaves. To nephew, James F. Deire?. slaves

Witnesses: Henry Britian, Richard P. Crowder, Easil Pace

Recorded: Lowndes County, Miss., May 1843

Joseph B. Fields - Page 297 - Written February 3, 1843

To wife, Elizabeth Fields, during her natural life and widowhood, all property; at her death to children, share and share alike. If she marries, Elizabeth Fields to have equal share with children, who are not named in will

Executrix: Elizabeth Fields, wife

Witnesses: Andrew Toland, Jepe (Jesse?) Mize, James B. Morton

Recorded: June 8, 1843

From Probate Records "D", pages 464 and 465, the following children and guardians named: John Taylor guardian of Frank*, Elizabeth A., Abzina* Fields. Drennon Love guardian of Oliver* (over 14 years of age), and John Henry Fields, January 1845; Reuben Hodges guardian of Haden* and Catharine fields. John Taylor also guardian of Thomas*.

*Estate packages have the names: Benjamin F. (Frank?), Thomas A., Joseph Abzinder, Olivia (Oliver?), Patrick Haden, John H., Catherine, Elizabeth A. Fields

John Hill - Page 317 - Written October 15, 1812

John Hill states that he is of Abbeville, South Carolina

To wife, Susannah Hill, plantation and slaves

Sons, Samuel Hill, William Hill, John Hill, Jr., Joseph Hill and

Bluford Hill, all left slaves

Daughters: Betsey Hill, Nancy Hill, Sally Hill, Susannah Hill, Fanny Hill, Rebecca Hill, and Polly Hill.

Executors: Wife, Susannah Hill, Thomas Wilson

Witnesses: Samuel Rosamond, Dudley Mabrav, Samuel Hill

Filed Abbeville, South Carolina, February 10, 1813

Lowndes County, Mississippi, July 18, 1843

Ann Carey - Page 321 - Written March 30, 1822

Names husband. Lemuel Carey

Grandchildren: Martha Caroline Lafarge, Grace Ann Delane, Freeman Raymond Delane and Philip Hiron Delane

Former husband, Freeman Delane

Executors: Ainsley William Hall, Lemuel Carey, John H. Partridge, George Cockett

Witnesses: John Francis Marshall, Sterling C. Williamson, Sr., Sterling C. Williamson, Jr.

Proved: Richland District, South Carolina, April 25, 1822

Charles Westbrook - Page 334 - Written April 29, 1841

To wife, Winifred Westbrook, one-half of land and slaves.

Son, Samuel Westbrook note for \$1,000.00 on Lewis C. Desmond of North Carolina; and one-half of blacksmith Richard (probably slave).

To son, Moses Westbrook, other half of above blacksmith, Richard Daughter, Eliza Westbrook, slaves; also mentions son, James Westbrook and daughter, Julia Westbrook

Executors: Son, Samuel and Moses Westbrook

Witnesses: Lafayette Carr, William Cooper

Probated: January 2, 1844

John P. Furniss - Page 347 - Written January 24, 1844

John P. Furniss late of Madison Parish, Louisiana, now of Lowndes County, Mississippi

Executors: Capt. Edward R. Randolph, Capt. William W. Nielson; and wife, Annie F. Furniss

To son, John P. Furniss and "any other children I may have", all property, slave; and a gold watch

"This watch presented to me by my kind uncle, John Perkins, Esqr., and is intended never to go out of the family".

To wife, Annie F. Furniss, slaves and use of property

To "dear aged mother, Mrs. Nancy Furniss, and father, Josiah Furniss", money

Witnesses: John Usery, Richard Rosamond

Recorded: February 26, 1844

Rebecca Anderson - Page 369 - Written July 13, 1843

Money now in hands of son, John Anderson, of Edgefield District, South Carolina, arising from hire of slaves (of slaves assigned as "my dower in the estate of my husband, Robert Anderson, deceased")

Daughters, Elizabeth Anderson and Martha B. Jones, money from sale of slaves.

Son, John Anderson, to have one-third of the whole amount in his hands.

Son-in-law, Edmond B. Belcher, to also have one-third of the whole amount.

Daughter, Margaret Holloway, deceased, but to her children: Caroline McCallob?, Jane Jones, Mary Coburn and Amanda McRuth?, the latter a daughter of Amanda Shirley, deceased, and to each of them "I give and bequeath one-fourth of the third remaining"

Executor: Son, John Anderson

Witnesses: John A. Loden?, Levi McDonnell

Filed: June 20, 1844

Thomas Sampson - Page 484 - Written March 5, 1845

Mentions "venerable father-in-law, Silas McBee"

Daughters: Emily A. Henry, Catharine Sampson, Margaret M. Thompson, wife of Benjamin R. Thompson

Sons, Silas Sampson, James Sampson

William Kidd named as trustee of Catharine Sampson's estate

Witnesses: Henry John and W. Kidd

Filed: May 10, 1845

William Hughes - Page 495 - Written April 18, 1845

Wife, Harriett C. Hughes

Son, Thomas Hughes

Executor: William W. Brownrigg of Oktibbeha County, Mississippi

Witnesses: D. Lawrence, Oats Carroway, John A. Smith

Filed: June 11, 1845

James Garner - Page 506 - Written May 20, 1845

To father, Samuel Garner, amount he is indebted "to me" between three and four hundred dollars.

Remainder of property, money, slaves, furniture, etc. to wife, Mary Ann Garner. At her death she may dispose of one-half of the property, the other one-half to "my brothers and sisters"

Executors: Father, Samuel Garner; and wife, Mary Ann Garner

Witnesses: Ruffin Coleman, George W. Smith

Sworn to: July 7, 1845 or September 30, 1845

Daniel Harvie - Page 530 - Written October 3, 1845

Releases Mrs. E. H. Shotwell from all demands and claims upon her and all property if she pays Baldwin Cousens, administrator and two attorney's fee to Stephen Cocke, John S. Topp and Richard Evans

Niece, Mrs. Elizabeth Browning; nephew, Robert Howard

To friend, Dr. John Gratton, a black saddle mare

Mentions, Elizabeth Augusta Murdock, daughter of Abraham Murdock

Niece, Frances F. Gilmer, slaves and money; and sister, Mrs. Ann T. Gilmer, also named

Remainder to go to: Elizabeth Browning, Robert Howard, Daniel Harris? Gilmer, Mary P. Howard, Lucy Adams and Frances F. Gilmer.

Executors: Robert Howard, William Browning

Witnesses: Benjamin S. Long, Joseph Warren, L. N. Hatch
Recorded: November 6, 1845

The index to Probate Records "E" states there are no wills recorded in this book, but the following will was found.

Probate Records "E", page 481

William Ervin - Written February 8, 1839
To wife, one-ninth of estate
To the following children, slaves: Sons, John Milton Ervin, James Washington Ervin, Alexander Ervin; daughters: Margaret Mariah Gibson, Jane Magdolene Ervin, Susanah Louisa Ervin, Sarah Ann Ervin
Witnesses: A. C. Jennings, David J. Wilson
Probated: January 30, 1843

From Probate Records "G"

William Egger - Page 130 - Written October 1, 1844
Daughter, Elizabeth Williams, money
Son, William Egger, and son, John Egger, both left money
Daughter, Sarah Feemster, furniture; also furniture to daughter, Polly Egger.
To son, Andrew Egger, land; mentions son, James Egger, deceased
Witnesses: George B. Watt, David Ringer
Filed: December 3, 1845

Joel Leftwich - Page 132 - Written July 18, 1833
To brother, Littleberry Leftwich, all of estate
Sworn to by Reuben Littleton, Littleberry Reece
Probated: December 3, 1845
This will is also recorded on page 352, Book "G", Witness was C. M. McCracken

Joshua Leigh - Page 138 - Written December 23, 1845
To wife, Mercy Leigh, whole of estate during her lifetime, or as long as she remains a widow.
At her death to be equally divided between sons, William Edwin and Richard Henry Leigh; and daughter, Mary Ann Leigh
Executrix: Wife, Mercy Leigh; executor, brother John Leigh.
They to sell all landed estate in Gloucester
Witnesses: William Leigh, John W. Peters, Eli Watson, Stephen B. Hart, James A. Peebles
Probated: January 5, 1846

Robert Hazlett - Page 253 - Written February 17, 1846
To parents, William and Martha Hazlett (of Ireland), \$500.00
Brother, John H. Hazlett, of Lowndes County, Mississippi, \$500.00
To brothers, James Hazlett, George Hazlett, William Hazlett, Samuel Hazlett, David Hazlett; and sisters, Ellenor Hazlett, Mary Ann Hazlett and Jane Hazlett, all of Ireland, and to each \$500.00
To friend, Isabella McGuigan, formerly known as Shebby, \$5.00

Requests that his body be buried near his deceased brother, Charles Hazlett; and his tombstone (which he describes) be made in accordance with desire of friend, Nathaniel E. Goodman.

Executor: Capt. William W. Nelson, should he decline, then F. R. Randolph to be executor.

Witnesses: William H. Shelton, Thomas H. Huddleston
Probated: April 1846

Robert Webb - Page 328 - Written March 20, 1846

Wife, Rebecca Webb, to remain in full possession of estate

Son, James Webb, to assist mother in management

Should any child marry during lifetime of their mother, this child to have same amount as those already married

Children named: Andrew Webb, George Webb, John Webb, James Webb, Nancy Webb, Rebena (Rebecca?) Webb and Salana Webb

To Willie Turner, son of John and Mary Turner, deceased, \$100.00

Executrix: Rebecca Webb

Witnesses: James M. and John W. Davis, A. N. Jones

Recorded: July 1846

Joseph Matthews Wells - Page 383 - Written November 24, 1845

To wife, Mary Rebecca Wells, all estate.

Should there be no issue, Mary Rebecca Wells, to have entire estate

Executor: Edwin T. Moore

Witnesses: Joseph B. Cobb, W. P. Jack?

Probated: October 5, 1846

Lazarus Bolinski - Page 400 - Written September 25, 1845

Nuncupative will in presence of Merrill Beck and Agur T. Morse
All property to wife and children. Wife, Hilse Bolinski; oldest daughter, Abriane Eash; second daughter, Sarah; third daughter, Hannah Bolinski. "They all live in Poland".

To sister, Haisha Bolinski, \$200.00

Recorded: November 2, 1845

James Eddins - Page 405 - Written August 24, 1846

To wife, Rebecca Eddins, slave

To son-in-law, Peter Bell, property

To son-in-law, Xenophen Halbert, and son-in-law, Julius Nash

Grandchildren: James A. Stone, John F. Stone, George W. Stone, Martha E. Stone, all children of James A. and Martha Stone, deceased

Also William F. Stone, Benjamin F. Stone and Ira E. Stone, children of above James A. and Martha Stone

Wife, all lands adjoining John Seals, Benjamin Beckwith, Edward Gordon and others.

Witnesses: S. Reeder, James Webb, Benjamin F. Beckwith

Probated: November 19, 1846

Charles Easterwood - Page 418 - Written July 20, 1846

Nuncupative will written presence of Jacob Miller, James W. Wright and William Ezell

Mother to have house and one year's provisions to settle note due her
Wife, Sarah E. Easterwood, to have balance of estate
Executors: Wife, Sarah E. Easterwood and Dial Wright
Recorded: November 4, 1846

Platt Snedikor - Page 480 - Written June 8, 1846
Being about to leave to enter the service of the United States by
joining detachment army known as Tombigby Volunteers, thinks it
proper to say that in case of death, estate to be equally divided
between John and David Snedikor, sons of brother, Philip Snedikor,
now residing in New York City.
Witnesses: Eli Abbott, Edgar Frazer
Recorded: March 1847

Enoch G. Seal - Page 480 - Written October 29, 1846
To son, John Seal, slaves
To George Ferguson, son of daughter, Sarah, slaves
To wife, Elizabeth Seal, land "where I now live in Lowndes County,
Mississippi".
Mentions "my three children"
Executors: Wife, Elizabeth Seal, and son, John Seal
Witnesses: Pannel Taylor, Joel Burham, John H. Riley
Recorded: March 1847

Wills found in Probate Records "H"

Ovid P. Brown - Page 27 - Written July 25, 1846
To sons, Stephen A. Brown, James M. Brown, George C. Brown and
Henry J. Brown, all to receive slaves
To Julia Tucker, wife of F. M. Tucker*, slaves. *This may be T. M.
(Tilghman M.) Tucker
To daughters, Martha Ann Brown and Laura Ellen Brown, slaves
To wife, Lucinda Brown, use and benefit of all slaves and planta-
tion on Black Creek
To son, James and George Brown, one-half section of land on Trim Cane?
To son, Henry Brown, six-eighth of land in Tallahatchie County,
Mississippi. Land in Scott County, Miss. owned jointly with John
N. Mullin, one-half owned by Ovid P. Brown, to go to son, Stephen A.
Brown
Also owned lands in Choctaw and Oktibbeha Counties, Mississippi
Executors: Wife, Lucinda Brown, and son, Stephen A. Brown
Witnesses: Charles H. Abert, Paschal B. Wade, R. D. Haden*
Probated: December 1846
*Ovid P. Brown, Charles H. Abert and R. D. (Robert D.) Haden were
all early settlers of Monroe County, Miss.

Richard T. Brownrigg - Page 55 - Written December 24, 1846
Wife, Mary Brownrigg, and her brother, Richard T. Hoskins (or Haskins)
to be executors and guardian of children
To wife, Mary Brownrigg, furniture, etc., at her death to be equally
divided between daughters: Elizabeth Brownrigg, Sarah Brownrigg; and



sons, John Brownrigg, Richard Brownrigg, Thomas Brownrigg and "any other children I may have".

To son, John Brownrigg, "all my silver plate (except spoons", after death of wife, and a gold watch after he returns from school After he becomes of age to be executor with Mary V. Brownrigg and her brother.

Witnesses: Abram Maer, Joseph B. Cobb, Edm'd Blount Hoskins
Probated: January 1847

Edward O. Friend - Page 118 - Written April 27, 1838

Friend, Lawson Benfoot, executor with full power and in interest of wife and children (not named in will)

To Octava J. B enfoot, \$500.00

No witnesses

Probated: April 1847

Abner Keaton - Page 122 - Written February 24, 1847

Wife, Catharine Keaton, to have whole of "my landed interest during her lifetime". After her death to sons, Daniel Keaton, Wiley Keaton, William H. Keaton and Andrew J. Keaton; and daughter, Elizabeth Agnew

To son, Daniel Keaton, note owed Abner Keaton by John Lindsey

To John Keaton and Frances McRay "remaining children", \$100.00

Witnesses: Thomas H aughton, Thomas Johnson, John Lindsey

Probated: April 30, 1847

Jesse Speight - Page 147 - Written December 20, 1841

To wife, one-third of land and slaves

To son, Benjamin Speight, slave

To children, Mariah and Elizabeth "the former having married a scoundrel and the latter a fool", to have no property but executors to pay them from yearly profits

Property to be divided among five children

Codicil: After wife's one-third, land to be divided between sons, Benjamin Speight and Joseph Speight

Will and codicil witnesses by: John A. Wilcon, Willie J. Stanton

Recorded: June 1847

William F. Stone - Page 156 - Written December 22, 1846

James Eddins by last will and testament gave and "bequeathed unto me with his other heirs, a legacy to be paid unto me as soon as settlement of his estate could be made".

"I, William F. Stone, appoint my father, James A. Stone, lawful agent" to collect same

Had joined army in war with Mexico, and if he died all debts to be paid. Mentions legacy coming from Grandmother, Rebecca Eddins, this to his brothers and sister: Benjamin F. Stone, Ira E. Stone, George W. Stone and Martha E. Stone

Witnesses: S. S. Franklin, Lot W. Laws, Sanford Leach

Probated: July 1847

Swift Mullin - Page 177 - Written May 5, 1840

To brother and sister, Ira N. Mullin and Lucy Nash, slave

To brother, John N. Mullin, cattle, etc.

To brother, Perry Mullin, slave

To mother, Martha Mullin, notes returned without having to make payment, and all interest in father's estate. Father, John Mullin, dec'd.

Brothers, Thomas Mullin, Ira N. Mullin and Perry Mullin; and sisters Lean (or Sena) Boswell, Latha Taylor and Lucy Nash to share alike.

Executor: John N. Mullin

Witnesses: John A. Snell, James Snell, Robert N. Miller

Recorded: October 1847

Both Mullin and Mullins are used in spelling name in Lowndes County records

Nicholas M. Marks - Page 202 - Written May 17, 1845

To wife, Ann P. Marks, property

To son, William M. Marks and son, Samuel B. Marks, title to all property which has hitherto been advanced

Owned lands in Montgomery County, Alabama

To sons, William M. and Samuel B. Marks, in trust for daughter, Martha G. Scott "and their children", property and slaves.

Lands lying on Talapoosa River "adjoining Thomas M. Cowles, Henry Lucas and others"

Mentions son, James Marks, deceased

Executors: Sons, William M. and Samuel B. Marks

Witnesses: William B. Bell, Saul D. Holt, Green A. Wood

Recorded: December 1847

Jane Ervin - Page 204 - Written September 17, 1845

To daughter, Sarah E. Bradley, Family Bible and hymn book

To granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann Witherspoon, furniture; to granddaughter Mary Jane Witherspoon, bed, etc.

To children of deceased daughter, Elizabeth McCutchins, bed and silver

To daughter, Margaret J. Witherspoon, four notes held against her

To daughter, Sarah E. Bradley, one-half of property not named; other

half to children of daughter, Elizabeth McCutchins, deceased

Executors: Margaret J. and John N. Witherspoon, William E. Ervin

Witnesses: E. P. Odeneal, E. A. Ervin, J. H. Sykes

Codicil added November 6, 1846: To granddaughter, Mary Jane Witherspoon, slave

Witnesses to codicil: W. C. Mills, E. P. Odeneal

Probated: December 1847

Thomas Hughes - Page 267 - Written September 11, 1847

"To my reputed son, Thomas Leonard Baxter Hughes" all property and slaves

Witnesses: Samuel M. Goady, M. W. Taggart, Alex Brownlee

Recorded: February 1848

Andrew A. Murphy - Page 286 - Written February 14, 1848

All estate, real and personal, to father, Johh Murphy, for support of self and Margaret Murphy, wife of Andrew A. Murphy. All landed estate to Margaret J. L. Robinson, wife of Zenas Robinson. To brother, A. D. Murphy, slave

To sister, Elizabeth R. Stevenson; nephew, Robert A. Stevenson; nephew Andrew J. Montgomery; sister, Mary E. Montgomery; and brother-in-law, John Stevenson; niece, Margaret E. Montgomery; sister, Margaret J. L. Robinson, all left slaves

Executors: Brothers-in-law, John Stevenson and Zenas Robinson

Witnesses: R. Owen, Samuel Givens, S. J. Feemster

Recorded: March 1848

Ransom Capel - Page 343 - Written September 26, 1847

To Amandy M. Edwards, wife of Isaac D. Edwards, \$125.00 in money
To daughter, Sylvester Coker, \$100.00, also lends to her land and plantation "where I now live" during her natural life or widowhood. Should she die or marry, then land to be sold. "My will is that Amanda and Silvester draw \$1250.00 before my son, Ruffin C. Capel draws any part".

"I appoint my worthe friend, Isaac D. Edwards, my only executor"

No witnesses

Recorded: July 1848

John Seal, Jr. - Page 359 - Written June 30, 1848

To wife, Martha Jane Seal, slaves

To daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Seal, slaves

To mother, Elizabeth Seal, slaves; also named executrix and guardian of Sarah Elizabeth Seal

Property to children of William Pratt and the following named children of Green Ferguson of Lowndes County, Miss.; and to the survivors of each: Sarah Pratt, Eliza Pratt, John Pratt,, children of William Pratt; George Ferguson, James Ferguson, children of Green Ferguson

Witnesses: J. D. Montgomery, John Seale

Recorded: August 1848

John Armstrong - Page 373 - Written April 4, 1845

To wife, Pamela Armstrong, one-half of estate for her pleasure; the other one-half until her first child shall have reached 21 years of age.

"By her first child, I mean, Mary Anna John Pouncey"

Mentions mother now residing in Philadelphia (Pennsylvania?)

Witnesses: Swift Mullin, John Nash

Probated: September 1848

James Garrett - Page 400 - Written August 2, 1848

To son, William Garrettm south one-half of land; to wife, Eliza Garrett, north one-half of land.

Executors: Eliza Garrett and son, William Garrett

Witnesses: Jesse Peebles, William Keaton, Christopher Adams

Recorded: October 1848

Henry Greer - Page 511 - Written January 26, 1849

All property of every description to be equally divided among "all my children, share and share alike, except David C. Greer", who is to have silver watch, also.

To children of daughter, Susan Trotter, equal share of property to be paid out of proceeds of sale of real estate

Names son, Sam Greer

Executors: Three sons, Henry Greer, Jr., Joshua Greer, William Crawford Greer

Witnesses: A. Flanagan, J. M. Harwood, W. J. Rogers

Probated: March 1849

William H. Craven - Page 579 - Written March 5, 1847

Will begins "This day completes my 56th year"

To youngest and only sister, Lucretia Whitehurst, of Albemarle County, Virginia, \$1,000.00 in cash

To nephew, Tully Whitehurst, \$500.00

To American Tract Society, \$100.00 a year for 10 years

To American Bible Society \$100.00 a year for 10 years

To step-son, Henry Lane Hampton, all lands in Scott County, Miss.

To Martha Hampton, wife of Henry Lane Hampton, slaves

All property to wife, Emily Craven, also named executrix

Witnesses: Robert R. Beecher of Adrian, Lenawee County, Michigan;

James Campbee of City of New York and Joseph Bell of Canadaigua?

Probated: May 24, 1849

Hannah McGowan - Page 582 - Written March 3, 1849

To grandson, William Hambleton McGowan, slave

To son, Robert McGowan, slaves during his lifetime, then to his six children: Sarah Ann, Emily, George, Anner, James Edward, Samuel Sherrid and Robert J. Walker

To grandson, Serry? Hambleton McGowan, \$150.00 in money

Executor: Son, Robert McGowan

Witnesses: Thomas Fielding, Christopher Adams

Probated: May 1849

Alexander Wright - Page 589 - Written May 18, 1847

All property, except slave Franky and her child, to be equally divided among children (after paying son, James Wright, \$175.00)

To wife, Phoebe Wright, the slave Franky and her child

Executrix: Phoebe Wright

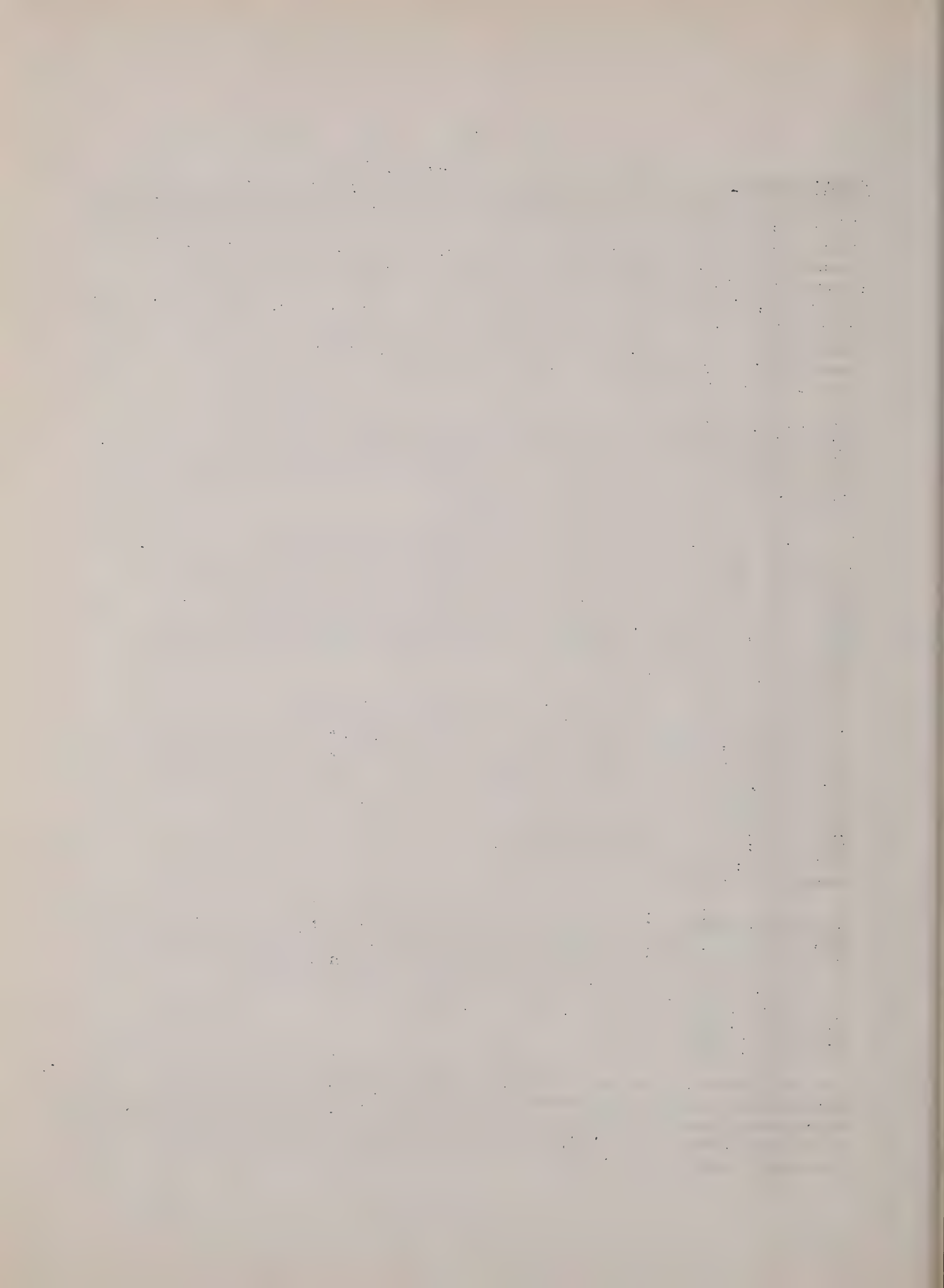
Witnesses: Agur T. Morse, James H. Curtis

Recorded: May 29, 1849

Joseph Grigg - Page 417 - Written August 29, 1848

In last sickness at the home of William W. Browning of Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, will made in presence of J. A. K. Smith and Jeremiah Leary Brother, Isaac Grigg, to have remaining property after debts are paid

Recorded: November 6, 1848



Edward Randolph - Page 374 - Written May 9, 1846

To wife, Elizabeth B. Pandolph, land. To daughter, Virginia Randolph, lands purchased from Taland's estate: lands in Carroll County, Miss.; also land in Itawamba County, Mississippi to be sold and money divided between wife and daughter.

Brother, Robert C. Randolph, mentioned

One-eighth of land which William Burpes (Burgess?) lives on to be sold and \$100.00 to his wife and children.

Slave girl, Rachel and her increase to wife, at her death said slave to be removed to Liberia, Africa; if this is not possible, then slave to daughter, Virginia Randolph

If Virginia dies before 21 years of age, then estate to be equally divided between "my sister, Ann Maria and nephew, Edward B. Randolph, son of my brother, B. F. Randolph".

Witnesses: Charles W. Malone, James W. Field

Proabted: September 1848

Wills from Probate Book "I"

William Moore - Page 66 - Written September 9, 1849

All lans "this side of Tombicbee* (Tombigbee River) to Eliza Burt

All other lawful heirs (not named in will)

Witnesses: John M. L. Smith, James Dillard

Will written by John M. L. Smith during the last illness of William Moore

Probated: October 1849

*Probate Book states there was no land

David Moore - Page 70 - Written March 12, 1845

David Moore was of Huntsville, Alabama

Executors to divide estate between wife, Martha S. (or L.) Moore and children.

Lands mentioned in will: McAnnally Tract of Harrican (Hurricane?) Creek; and land bought of John C. Grascon

Children to receive education

To Robert D. Moore, son of John F. Moore, deceased, money

To Albert Moore, youngest son of John F. Moore. also money

Executors: Stephen S. Ewing, George B. Rainer, William L. Martin

Witnesses: James Bradley, B. M. Lowe, William H. Clopton, Thomas W. White

Probated: October 1847

Walter C. Winston - Page 93 - Written

Wife mentioned but not named in will

Children named: Mary Ann Thornton, wife of F. F. Thornton; Lucy Coles, Susan Townsend. Eleanor Winston, Sally Butt, Rosena Winston; and sons: Walter C. Winston (Jr.) and Isaac Winston

Witnesses: Francis Lightfoot Lee, Benjamin M. Miller, James T. Taylor

Filed: January 22, 1850

1. The first part of the report
describes the general situation
of the country and the
state of the economy.
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Elizabeth Wallace - Page 129 - Written September 18, 1849

To Abner Wallace, one-third of slaves

Grandchildren: May Wallace, Sarah Wallace, Joseph W. Wallace, John Wallace, Edwin Wallace and Martha Dowsing

Grandchildren: Joseph W., Nash and Adam Marshall, being children of Mrs. Marshall deceased

Great-grandson, James Goodwin

Witnesses: Mary A. E. Williams, James H. Southall, E. K. Crusoe

Recorded: February 12, 1850

Henry W. Hunt - Page 152 - Written October 27, 1849

Property in town kept in repair for children and their guardian, Cynintha Hunt. All other lands to be sold for the use of his children.

Cynintha Hunt, guardian of children, was niece of Henry W. Hunt

Witnesses: David O. Richard, Peter Stark, Charles H. Abert

Filed: January 8, 1850

On page 158: Crintha (Cynintha) Hunt guardian of Mary Louisa, E., Henry A., William P., Edwin W and Emily M. Hunt

Thomas Cawthon - Page 166 - Written December 13, 1837

Formerly of Newberry District, Souht Carolina but now of Lowndes County, Mississippi

Brother, William J. Cawthon, to set free slaves in a state where lawful

Executors: William J. Cawthon, James and Henry Farnandes

Witnesses: James A. Pope, W. Wilson, Thomas H. Pope

Filed: February 19, 1850

Nathaniel Lawrence - Page 181 - Written September 5, 1849

Daughters, Susan M. Lawrence, Eliza C. Randle, Louisa G. Lawrence, slaves.

Sons, David, Andrew, Henry N. and John Lawrence; also mentions John's children on moriety. William Lawrence mentioned as receiving moriety, as well as David, Henry and Andrew.

Wife, if any, not named

Securities, Henry Randle and Henry N. Lawrence

Witnesses: W. M. Mims, John Shular, Joseph Bryns

Probated: January 9, 1850

Ruffin Coleman - Page 196 - Written August 6, 1849

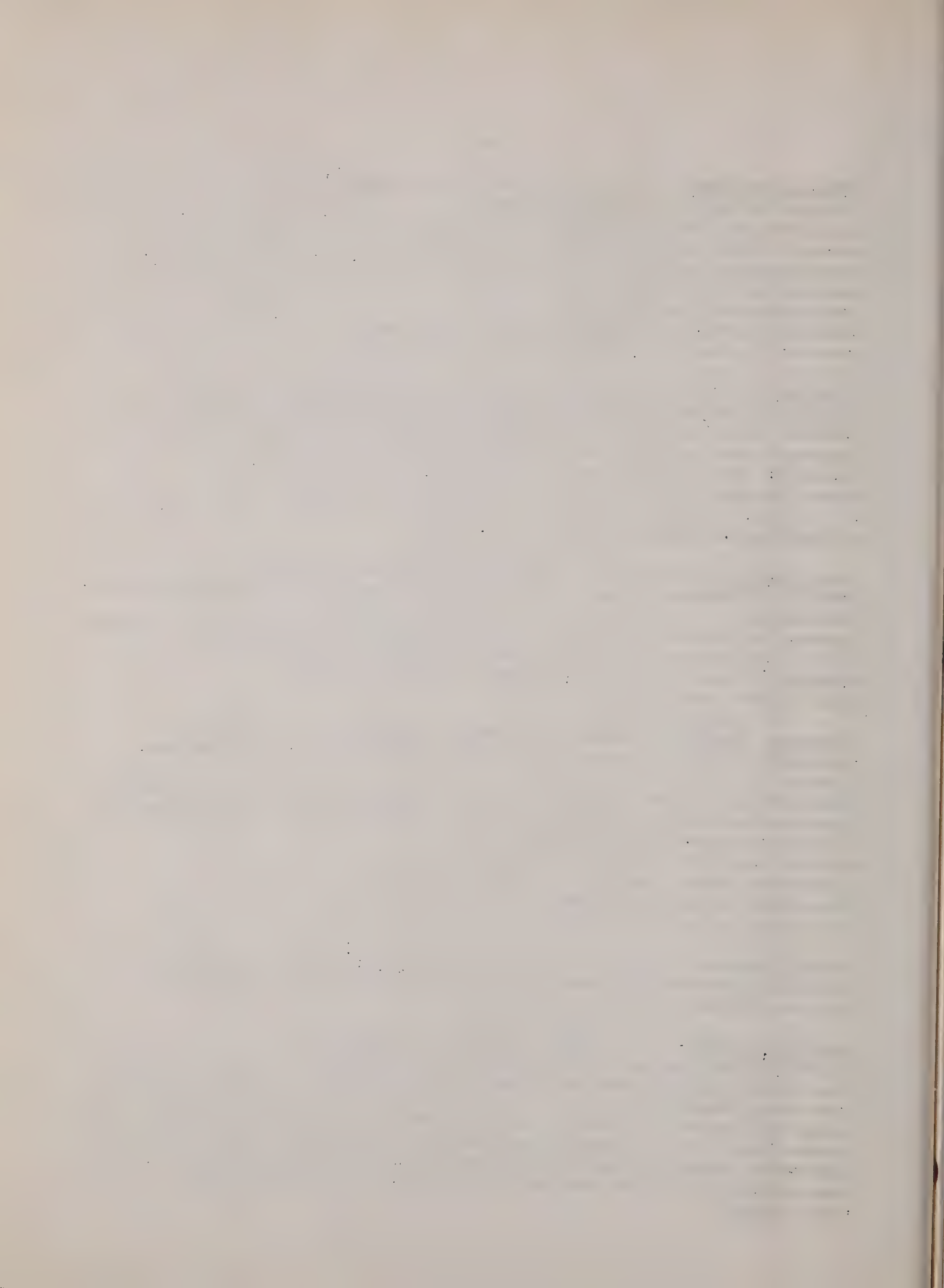
See wills from Probate Records "D", page 14, for this will which is recorded in both Books "D" and "I"

Arthur S. Hogan - Page 298 - Written August 5, 1849

Daughter, Matilda, wife of James Rick, deceased

Four grandchildren: Arthur, James and Henry Rick; and Matilda Teager, wife of William Teager

Daughter, Harriett Goodall, now a widow given plantation on "which she now resides in Smith County, Tennessee, including island in the Cumberland River, together with North Bank of ----? River at Carthage for a ferry landing". After her death to two grandchildren, Rachel and Lucy Goodall



To son, William B. Hogan, a plantation; to son, Lemuel Hogan, land.
Granddaughter, Elizabeth Winter, one-half of the Brock House, lying
in Franklin County, Alabama, eighty acres at the foot of the Mountain.
Mentions sister, Elizabeth, but last name not given.

To daughter, Sally Ann Winter, a plantation; also names daughter,
Amanda M. Walker, wife of W. E. Walker, who is left land.

"My children know my woman, Edy, came unto my family by their step-
mother", and Edy to be taken care of during her life. If any increase,
this to go to grandson, Preston Hogan.

Witnesses: Augur T. Morse, James A. Curtis, H. G. Robertson

Codicil: "My Catholic Bible to Sally Ann Winter".

To slave, Edy, one house and lot in Old Town of Aberdeen (this would
be what was known as Old Aberdeen), during her lifetime, after her death
house and lot to go to grandson, Preston Hogan

Codicil witnessed by: Lewis Harris and Omand Pollard

Recorded: April 6, 1850

Dabney Lipscomb - Page 380 - Written April 27, 1850

Estate to be kept together for wife, Jane Lipscomb, and youngest children

Executors: Wife, Jane Lipscomb; brother-in-law, William Weir; and son,
William Lowndes Lipscomb

Witnesses: R. D. Haden, Stephen A. Brown, Amzi E. Love

Recorded: July 13, 1850

James Gordon - Page 389 - Written October 16, 1849

Executors: James Gordon, Jr., George N. Gordon, Andrew L. Pickens

To wife, Elizabeth C. Gordon, and son, William J. Gordon, lands

To son, James, Jr., remaining property south of Buttahatchie River
adjoining lands of Varner, Gallop, Shields and others

To grandson, Thomas P. Slade, land (part of which is in Monroe County,
Mississippi)

Balance to be equally shared by: Elizabeth C. Gordon, wife; George N.
Gordon, William J. Gordon, and daughter, Caroline A. Pickens

Slaves to children.

Witnesses: J. M. Capshaw, George Knolls

Probated: July 1, 1850

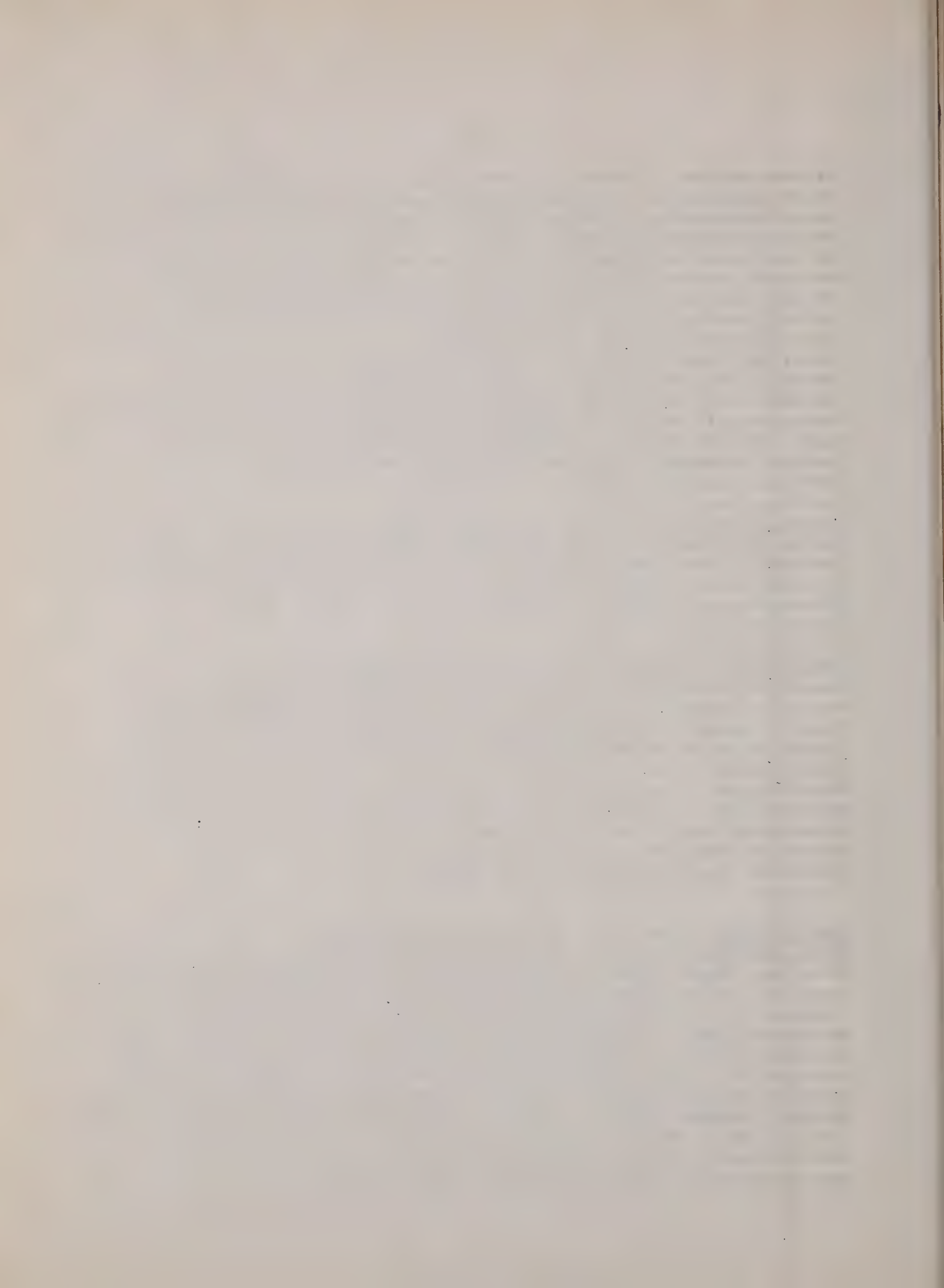
Rasha Cannon - Page 447 - Written July 29, 1845

Wife, Mary Jane Cannon. Children: John Newton, Elizabeth Jane, Lydia
Nelville, Robert Lowndes, Maria Moisselle, William R. and Thomas Cannon;
Sarah K. Tabb and Mary Ann Parham, who is to receive \$50.00

"I give to my son, William R. Cannon, my hickory walking stick, it was
my Grandfather's and from the best information I have, he was born in
Maryland in 1709 and died in South Carolina in 1782. I direct my
executors to put a silver head on it for him (William R.) and have
engraved W. Cannon, born 1709-1782. The stick was received by George
Cannon from his father and given by George to me about 42 years ago".
Son, Thomas E. Cannon, to have the glasses "I wear, my gold sleeve
buttons and my silver pocket pencil".

Son, John Newton Cannon, to have father's watch

All children to have a \$5.00 "pease" of gold except Mary Ann Parham,



Witnesses: John Cox, Wells A. Thompson, Robin Swearengin
First codicil added November 7, 1848: Stock to go to John N. and Robert Cannon, after all children are of age.
Second codicil: Directs slaves to be bought for Lydia Cannon, for either \$900.00 or \$1,000.00, and held in trust for her
Witnesses to codicils: Wells A. Thompson and Henry Morrisett
Probated: September 2, 1850

Iamech W. Ward - Page 396 - Written April 9, 1850

Wife, Isabella F. Ward named executrix; Peter G. Thompson named executor.

To mother, Mary Thompson and her husband. Peter G. Thompson, slaves during their lifetime, after their deaths, slaves to be divided between wife and children of Iamech W. Ward; Mary Thompson also left lands, some of which was purchased "by me from John Weedon".

Mentions house and lot near Columbus, Mississippi Purchased of Dr. Tapp (or Topp) "for my wife and children".

B alance of estate to be divided between wife, Isabella F. Ward and daughters, Mary J. and Sarah Ward

Witnesses: R. D. Powell, Thomas E. Billups, R. M. Taliaferro
Recorded: June 3, 1850

Silas Kolb - Page 510 - Written August 14, 1849

To wife, Sarah M. Kolb, lands including plantation "Whereon I now live", also dwelling house and slaves. After her death to the lawful children to be divided as proper. Also all stock to be hers to have and keep.

Sons, Newton Kolb, Milton Kolb, Joseph Kolb and John E. Kolb, \$200.00
Deceased son, James Kolb and his heirs to have his part; mentions that he has already given the heirs lands.

Son, John E. Kolb, slave; daughter Mary Ann Wilson, slave.

Daughter, Elizabeth Gaston; \$100.00 to be deducted from her part.

Executors: Sons, Newton and Milton Kolb

Witnesses: John T. and Hugh S. Egger

Probated: October 1850

McKinney Holderness - Page 506 - Written August 17, 1850

To wife, Elizabeth Holderness, slaves, 26 in all

To niece, Eliza A. McLaren, wife of Charles McLaren, slaves given wife, after "death of my wife".

Executors: James Haden, John S. Topp

Witnesses: Parthena Hayden, W. A. Short, T. M. Tucker

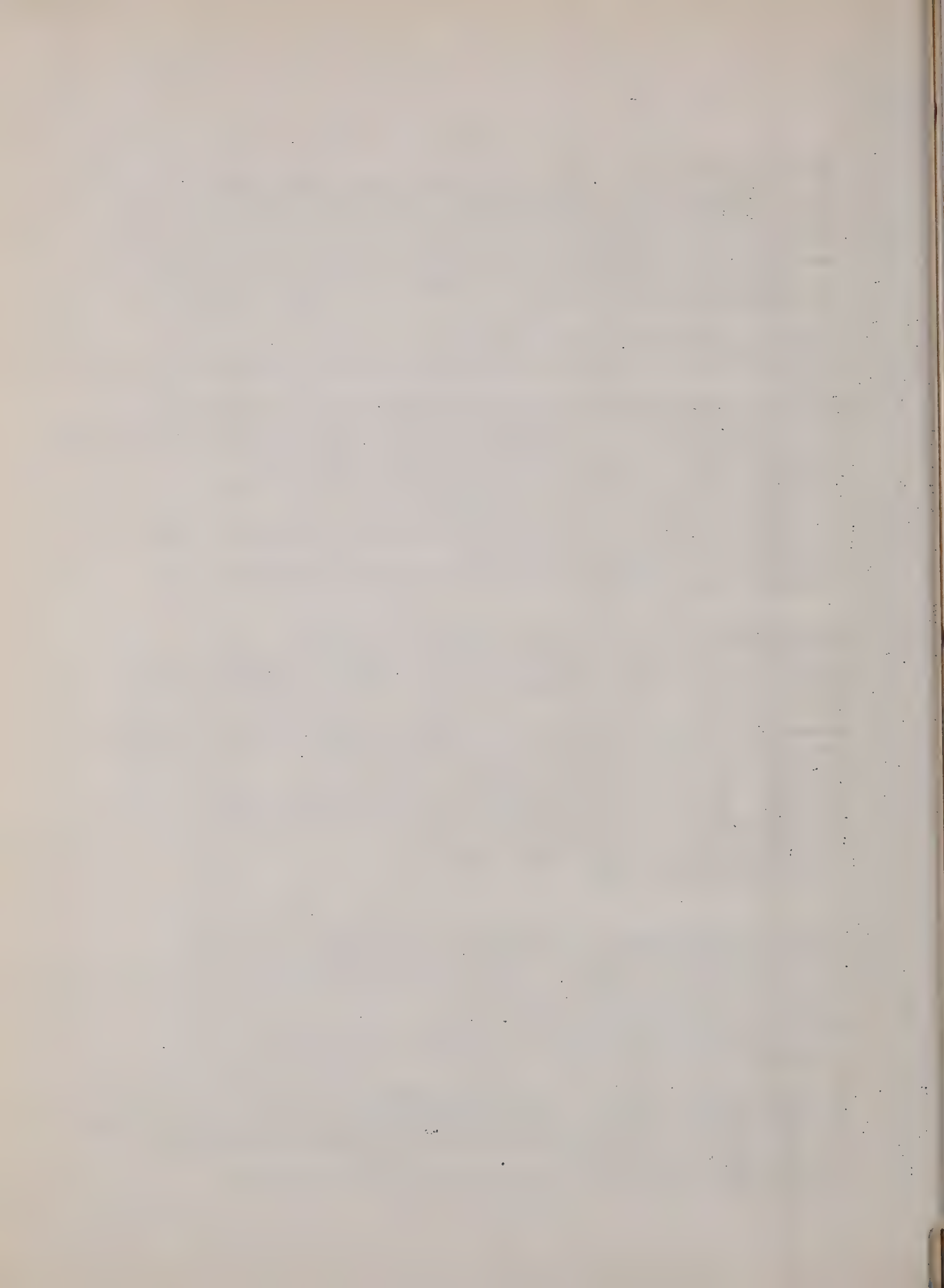
Probated: October 30, 1850

W. B. Winston - Page 572 - Written December 24, 1850

To wife, Rebecca Winston, all estate, states he does not wish to disinherit children but knows that wife will manage wisely and well.

Children not named in will

Witnesses: J. H. Turner, B. G. Hendrick, Jr., J. Winston



Probated: January 7, 1851

Rebecca Bouchell - Page 572 - Written December 21, 1850

Son, Ezra F. Bouchell. Mentions lands in Georgia and disposing of them.

Names daughter, Harriet Bouchell

Executors: James Jones, Richard Davis

Witnesses: S. Reeder, William B. Wood, Joseph S. Bryant

Probated: January 6, 1851

Probate Book. "K"

John Egger - Page 30 - Written January 5, 1850

To son, Brown W. Egger, land

To son, Andrew S. Egger, land

To son-in-law, William McCown and wife, Sarah E. McCown (daughter of John Egger); and to son-in-law, Green B. Egger and wife, E. Egger, (also a daughter of John Egger), land

Wife, Sibitha Egger, all property undivided, at her death to sons, James F. and Bonde Egger

Witnesses: James Egger, Joseph Robinson

Recorded: March 17, 1851

John Lindsay - Page 32 - Written February 15, 1851

To daughter, Melissa A. Lindsay, slave

All balance to be divided between wife, Mary E. Lindsay, and son,

John W. Lindsay and Melissa A. Lindsay

Christopher Adams to be guardian of the two children

Executor: Benjamin Beckwith

Witnesses: Newton Beckwith, Thomas A. Murphy, Christopher Adams

Recorded: March 17, 1851

John Thomas - Page 98 - Written February 4, 1851

Wife, Maryann Thomas, all estate from her father "we have or may have."

To son, Samuel R. Thomas, all estate from his grandfather, the father of John Thomas; if Samuel R. dies*, estate to brothers and sister of

John Thomas: Samuel G. Thomas, Robert P. Thomas, Abram D. Thomas, Francis M. Thomas and Margaret E. McCann (McCown?)

Witnesses: William Kidd, W. W. Vaughn, A. R. Thompson

Executor: Abram D. Thomas

Probated: April 19, 1851

* The estate papers of John Thomas state that Samuel R. Thomas was deceased by 1859. Name of testator in papers is John S. Thomas

Elisha Scull - Page 139 - Written March 6, 1851

To friend and co-partner, Stephen Letcher, all interest in property of firm.

To sister, Jemima M. Morflet? of Hartsford County, North Carolina, one-half of remainder of estate during her lifetime, then to be divided between nephew, Fletcher S. Scull of Lowndes County, Miss.; Joseph James Scull and Ethelbert D. Scull, both of Hartsford County, North

Carolina.

Executor: Fletcher S. Scull

Witnesses: H. R. Owen, R. D. Haden

Probated: May 27, 1851

Larkin Nash - Page 143 - Written March 6, 1851

To wife, Elizabeth Nash, all estate, real and personal, during her lifetime.

To grandchildren, children of deceased son, James Nash, slaves

To William W. Nash and Reuben B. Nash, slaves

To children of daughters, Polly H. Reed, Nancy A. Cohun? and Elizabeth Brewton, land

Witnesses: John A. Snell, Marshall Ellis, Robert G. Lovell

Executor: Son, Reuben B. Nash

Recorded: May 28, 1851

From the estate papers of Larkin Nash, the children of Elizabeth Brewton are named: Eliza Avaheart, wife of ---? Avaheart; William H., Reuben B., Elizabeth J., Wiley P., Samuel Rebecca A. and George J. (or I.) Brewton

December 1851, Choctaw County, Mississippi: George S. and Elizabeth M. A. Nash, infants of James Nash, deceased

Russell Bunnell and wife, Lucinda, a daughter of Larkin Nash, John H. Campbell and Martha Jane Campbell

Peter Mayo - Page 159 - Written August 18, 1848

To daughter, Frances Mayo, slave; to son, Alexander Mayo, property.

Also names sons: Thomas and William Mayo; daughter, Laura Slade

Executors: Sons, Alexander and Thomas Mayo

Witnesses: Maurice McCarthy, Henry S. Taylor

Probated: May 1851

John Morris - Page 195 - Written September 6, 1844

To daughter, Edy Dill, land

Other to be divided between children who are not named in the will

Witnesses: James A. Butler, R. R. Covington, H. S. Bennett

Recorded: August 18, 1851

Joseph Dunning - Page 197 - Written January 17, 1851

To wife, Fnoebe Dunning, property, real and personal; at her death to son-in-law, William D. Chapman

Grandchildren: William Dunning Chapman, Anna Clayton Chapman, Joseph Tracy Chapman

Executor: William D. Chapman

Witnesses: Levi Donnell, Lawson H. Willeford

Recorded: August 20, 1851

William B. Wood - Page 200 - Written July 7, 1851

In presence of P. A. Yancy, J. S. Reilly

Wife to have all property as long as she remains a widow, if she marries, to have equal share with children (wife and children not

named in will)

Sworn to: August 4, 1851

John Butler - Page 203 - Written February 13, 1850
Lands in Lowndes County, Alabama, 640 acres and lands in Lowndes County, Mississippi, 370 acres, and all other lands wheresoever lying "that I may be possessed of at the time of my decease" be sold. On credit of one, two, three and four years.

To sons, James Henry Butler and William Martin Butler, slaves. One half to James Henry when he comes of age, the other half to William Martin when he comes of age.

If either sons dies before attaining his majority, the property to the other son. If both sons die before attaining his majority and without issue "then one half of my effects is to go to William L. Landers of Georgia, and the remainder to Vandiver Sandford Gentry of South Carolina the two said last mentioned persons being my sons (illegitimate)"

W. H. Carrington to be executor and guardian of James Henry and William Martin Butler.

Witnesses: John G. Logan, Ezekial Goodwin, H. B. Coor

Codicil: Name William L. Landers should have been James M. Landers.

Wishes this correction to be made. July 25, 1851

Witnesses to codicil: Ezekial Goodwin, T. W. Davis, W. H. D. Carrington

Probated: September 4, 1851

David Fleetwood - Page 215 - Reduced to writing July 28, 1851

David Fleetwood "died on his death bed at Major Thomas G. Blewett's" to wit: Upon his plantation in said county (Lowndes) where said deceased had been residing for the term of about 14 months as overseer.

That if he should die he wanted Mrs. Elizabeth Adams to have his saddle horse in consideration for her kindness and attention during his sickness

David Fleetwood died February 3, 1851

No witnesses but John C. Cook named as subscribing witness

Recorded: September 9, 1851

Samuel S. Thomas - Page 270 - Written November 8, 1851

Samuel S. Thomas formerly of Hempstead County, Arkansas, now of Lowndes County, Mississippi

To Martha H. Loftis, money

To mother, Feriby Thomas, all balance of estate

Executor: Robert P. Thomas

Witnesses: W. W. Vaughn, A. D. Thomas, F. M. Thomas

Recorded: December 5, 1851

John Gratton - Page 315 - Written March 10, 1850

To children, Peachy Ridgway, Lucy Gilmer and Francis Virginia Gratton, money

All rest of estate, real and personal, to wife, Mary Ann Gratton, she is also named executrix

Witnesses: Abm. Murdock, A. Simpson, G. B. White
Recorded: January 21, 1852

William Leigh - Page 325 Written November 14, 1851

Richard Powell, Sr. to be agent, to dispose of property

To daughter, Mary Rosamond Leigh, money to complete her education; also to daughter, Alice Patterson Leigh, youngest child, money to complete her education.

Childre, Martha A., James W., Julianna S., Robert E., Mary Rosamond and Alice Patterson Leigh, to share alike

Witnesses: George R. Clayton, W. B. Travis, M. W. Cage, George A. Harris

Executors: Richard Powell, Sr., James Eckford

Recorded: January 20, 1852

Mary Davis - Page 355 - Written November 8, 1851

To niece, Talitha Darwin, slave

Lands to be sold and equally divided between friend and former Pastor, the Reverend Isaac Shook and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Slave, Jesse, to be sent to Liberia, if possible, if not, then sold and money divided between brother, John Blackburn and niece, Talitha Darwin.

Balance due on land from Joseph Thompson to friend, Neal Barte

Executor: Stephen A. Brown

Witnesses: G. W. Marques, E. E. Leech, Mary E. Brown

Recorded: February 20, 1852

Milton Nash - Page 414 - Written November 24, 1851

Property to wife, Palmelia L. Nash, during minority of youngest child, or her remarriage.

Executors: Palmelia L. Nash; and brother Jepe (Jesse?) Nash

Witnesses: Thomas Spruell, Joseph G. Ellis, G. H. Wakefield

Recorded: March 18, 1852

Robert Hairston - Page 456 - First of three wills - Written March 7, 1852

Chrimbel (slave) to be made free and possess all estate

Witnesses: Thomas L. Gilmer, James A. Harvey, D. H. Gilmer

Recorded: April 19, 1852

Witnesses to the above will state that Robert Hairston was not of sound mind, meaning and understanding, and not capable of making said will.

Page 630 - Petition of Ruth S. Hairston for "Dower & C" in the estate of Robert Hairston. Petition does not state relationship between Robert Hairston and Ruth S. Hairston

The second will of Robert Hairston, recorded on page 695

This will written in Henry County, Virginia, September 21, 1841

To George Hairston, son of Samuel Hairston, land

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To Robert Hairston, son of Hardin Hairston, land adjoining his father's land in Lowndes County, Miss.; and slaves
To Robert Hairston, son of Samuel Hairston, the Red Pepper place in Lowndes County, Miss.,
To Robert Hairston, son of George Hairston, money, to be paid by his uncle, Hardin Hairston
Above sworn to by: J. H. Turner, Joseph F. Gay, Alfred Thatcher

The following will was written March 6, 1852 in Lowndes County, Miss.
Recorded on page 696

To nephew, George Hairston, son of brother, Hairston, land on Tombigby River, slaves, etc.

To Chrillis, daughter of Elizabeth "my house servant", to be maintained, To her plantations, one known as Bend - Coxes - Coleman, Nash or Nashville Hisahana? - also shares in Roanoke Transportation Company, also land adjoining the Henry Hill Plantation which is in Stokes County, North Carolina

Witnesses: S. R. Thompson, D. H. Gilmer, T. B. Brooks, Edward Brown.
No probate shown

The family of Robert Hairston contested this will on the grounds that slaves were not allowed to own property.

William Dean - Page 524 - Written April 29, 1852

To "legitimate children: Joshua W. Dean, money already received; to daughter, Theodocy Mosely, land she lives on in Choctaw County, Miss.; youngest daughter, Elizabeth Deah; also daughter, Ruth Jenkins "my eldest"; and daughter, Mary Ann Otes?.

Executor: Robert Richy

Witnesses: John H. Dailey, Thomas A. H. Riley, J. W. Dean, Sr.

Recorded: June 23, 1852

Elizabeth C. Gordon - Page 527 - Written May 26, 1852

To son, William J. Gordon, all interest in the estate of James Gordon, deceased. He to support Joseph L. Jones decently as long as he lives.

Witnesses: James R. Bott, Thomas J. Ford

Probated: June 1852

Robert Wooten - Page 683 - Written March 17, 1849

To wife, Elizabeth Wooten, one-third of estate, both real and personal, remaining two-thirds divided between two children, John Wooten and Elizabeth Carr.

Remaining two-thirds of slaves to children of John Wooten; the remaining one-third to the children of Elizabeth Carr, wife of Allen Carr.

Executors: Son, John Wooten; son-in-law, Allen Carr

Witnesses: Dennis Davis, Joseph Hodgins

Recorded: December 6, 1852

Robert Shotwell - Page 761 - Written October 16, 1852

To daughter, Mary Usery, slave; to daughter, Alabama Harris, slave.
Rest of estate to be sold and divided among children. Names of other

children not given in will, only Mary Usery and Alabama Harris
Executors: Thomas W. Harris of Columbus, Miss.; Col. George H.
Young of Waverly
Probated: February 1853

Probate Book "L"

John H. Hand - Page 19 - Written January 29, 1853
To wife, Mary Hand, all estate; also named executrix
Witnesses: E. P. Odeneal, John Murdock, J. W. Hopkins
Recorded: February 29, 1853

Wyatt Randle - Page 114 - Written October 6, 1852
Wife, Sarah Randle, lands
Children: John Duglaps (Duglass?), Regina, Lucy, Eliza Ann, Thomas,
Paten, Henry, Merit and Richard, slaves, etc.
Already given grandson, John Gaines, slaves, "he being the only son
left by my deceased daughter, Lucy".
Witnesses: W. M. C. Mimms, Elijah Brothers, Thomas G. Blewett
Recorded: April 28, 1853

Thomas Manning - Page 240 - Written June 25, 1853
To wife, Harriet N. Manning, and contemplated offspring, furniture,
etc.
To daughter, Mary C. Manning, furniture, etc.
If unborn child should die, all estate to be equally divided between
wife, Harriet N. and daughter, Mary C. Manning
Witnesses: William E. Cockerham, Henry G. W. Cockerham, Elzy
Williams
Recorded: August 1853

William Weir - Page 257 - Written September 9, 1853
To daughters, Mary Elizabeth Weir, and Ellen L. Weir, slaves
To sister, Susan Jane Weir, slave
To son, William W. Weir, slave
To sons, Thomas C. Weir and James Benson Weir, money for education
already expended.
Property to be kept together until daughters are married
Executors: Son, Thomas Coke Weir; and neighbor, William E. Ervin;
Nephew, W. L. Lipscomb; and if necessary, son, James Benson Weir
Recorded: October 1853

James Brownlee - Page 267 - Written July 24, 1852
Whole of estate, real and personal, shall remain in the possession of
wife, Prudy Brownlee, as long as she lives, subject to provisions
hereafter named. She shall educate and provide for all minor children.
As sons arrive at twenty-one years of age or daughter marries, they
shall each have slave. Children named: James B. Brownlee, John Rufus
Brownlee, Lewellen S. Brownlee and Anna A. Brownlee.
Interest in lands in Oktibbeha County, Miss. with brother, John Brownlee

Witnesses: Oscar T. Keiler, James Jones, Jr., Abm. Murdock
Recorded: October 1853

Vincent Bell - Page 278 - Written October 29, 1853

To wife, Penelope Benn and son, Shannon Bell, all estate and slaves forever.

To son, Leroy Bell, money

To grandson, Alexander Bell, son of William Bell, money

To grandson, Vincent Bell, son of James Bell, money

Executrix: Wife, Penelope Bell

Witnesses: John Witherspoon, Charles Reighnolds, W. G. R---?

Probated: December 1853

Artemesia Thompson - Page 286 - Written November 10, 1853

Property to be divided between pieces: Ester and Mary A. Campbell

Exexutor: James Whitfield

Witnesses: Oliver Jones, James Jones, William L. Harris

Probated: December 1853

Hezekiah Leigh - Page 349 - Written July 12, 1853

Hezekiah Leigh of Mecklenburg County, Virginia

Younger children, Joseph Edward, Mary Alice and Frank Malangiton

Leigh, to be educated

To all children, to wit: Richard C. W., Hezekiah G., Jr, Louisa C.,

Joseph E., Mary Alice and Frank M. Leigh, all property in Mississippi

Wife, Mary Jane Leigh

Codicil added and witnesses by George J. Smith, Richard B. Baptist

Probated: January 1854

Moses Westbrook - Page 375 - Written November 4, 1853

To wife, Sidney Ann Westbrook, slaves, provisions, etc.

To three children, all sons, Charles, Tiles?, and Moses Westbrook, Jr.

Wyatt Moya to be their guardian

Witnesses: G. W. Brame, R. G. Denman, Lemuel Westbrook, A. J. G.

Westbrook

Probated: February 1854

James R. Smith - Page 429 - Written November 19, 1853

All estate to partner, William J. Chapman, also named executor

Witnesses: Joseph P. Billups, A. E. Askew, Isaac Darter

Probated: February 1854

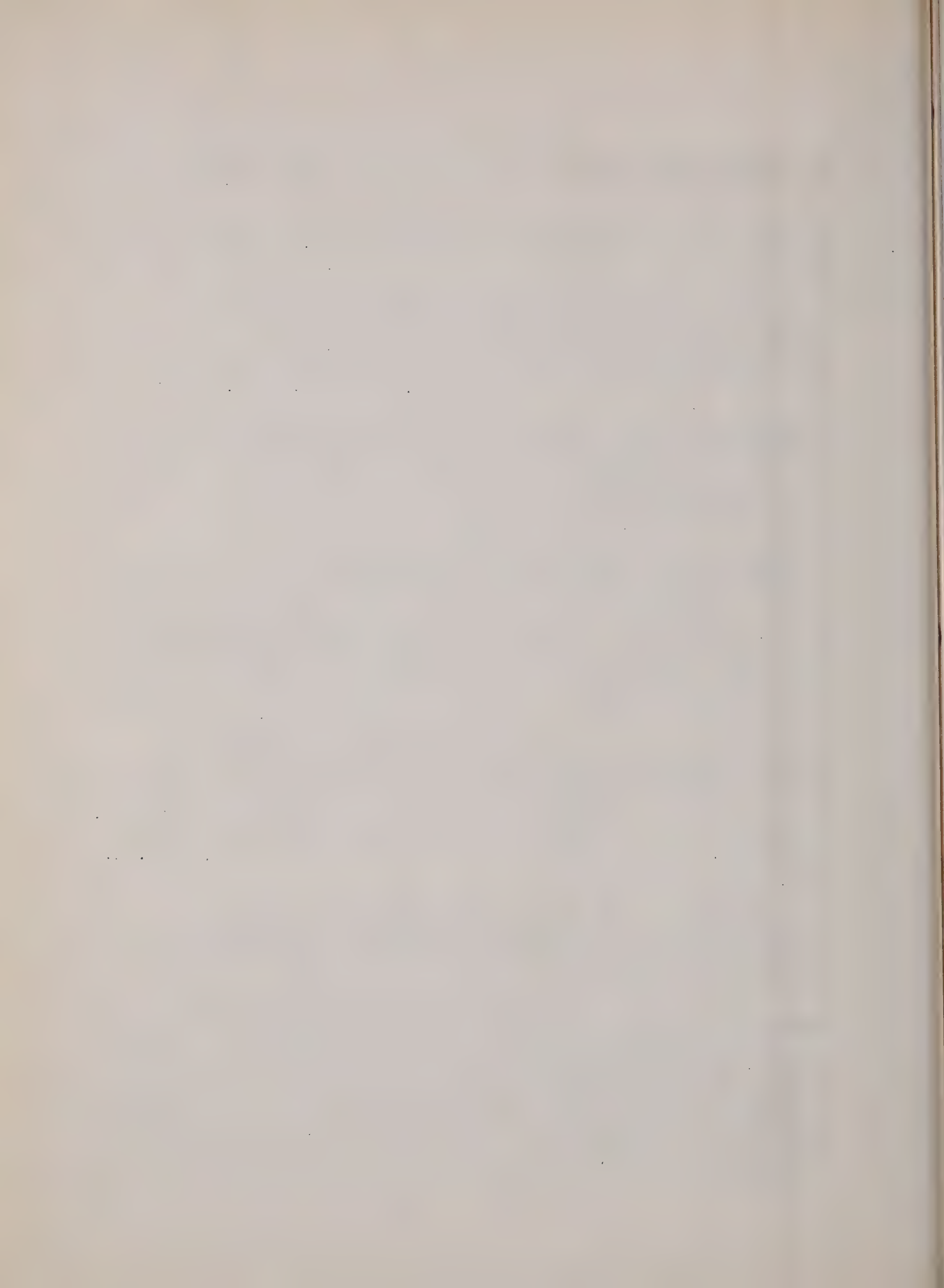
Samuel Witherspoon - Page 593 - Written February 26, 1852

To son, Samuel McClelland Witherspoon, all property given him at his marriage to Eliza Barnhill

To son, James Friolean Witherspoon, all property given him at his marriage to Elizabeth Stokes

To daughter, Easter Jane, now wife of Woodson H. Kenna, all property given her at her marriage

To daughter, Eveline, now wife of Robert Manton Wilson all property



given her at her marriage.

To daughter, Mary Julia. now wife of James Jack of Green County, Alabama, slaves

To son, Elias Boudenat? Witherspoon, all rest and slaves; also named executor.

Witnesses: Robert Portwood, Elijah T.? Hamson, James V. Cook

Recorded: January 10, 1854

Joshua B. Leavens - Page 706 - Written March 13, 1835

Joshua B. Leavens was of Mobile, Alabama

To brother, Benjamin Leavens, one-fourth of whole estate; to sister, Susan Leavens, also one-fourth. They also to be guardian to Helena Naomi Leavens, daughter of Joshua B. Leavens

To daughter, Helena Naomi, all rest of estate.

Executors: Brother, Benjamin Leavens; Joseph E. Sheffield

Recorded in Lowndes County, Mississippi, October 2, 1854

Thomas B. Thornly - Page 737 - Written January 6, 1853

Thomas B. Thornly states "being a little over 65 years of age".

To son, James S. Thornly, six and one-fourth cents "because he has conducted himself toward me as a disobedient son, and abandoned me".

To son, E. D. Thornly, one cent "if he wishes to collect it"

To daughter, Mary S. Thornley, all remainder of estate. If she dies, then estate to niece, Jane Reynolds.

Witnesses: W. S. Long, Alexander Cobb, W. J. Smith, S. S. Franklin and James M. Wynne

Recorded: October 2, 1854

William E. Cockerham - Page 756 - Written August 9, 1854

All estate to be sold, debts paid and the remainder to "my little son, Charles W. Cockerham, to have all that is left.

Executor: Elzy Williams

Witnesses: E. Robinson, James S. Shaw, H. W. Cockerham

Probated: September 1854

William Whitfield - Page 772 - Written May 18, 1854

To daughter, Lucy Ann Whitfield, money and slaves

To son, William W. Whitfield, note for \$5,000.00 cancelled

To son, John A. Whitfield, money

To grandson, William Whitfield, son of William W. Whitfield, money

Witnesses: O. H. Prince, A. Y. Sharpe, R. M. Campbell, B. M. Robinson, L. H. Sledge, Gaines Whitfield

Probated: October 1854

John L. Halbert - Page 628 - Written October 27, 1853

Some children already advanced money

To son, Percival Halbert, property (slaves); to son, William Halbert, \$5.00; to son, John H. Halbert, slave; to son, Joel J. Halbert, already advanced.

Names daughters, Frances Sitton deceased, and her children: Elvira

Looper of South Carolina; Margaret Lucus, Francis Burdine, now deceased; Sarah M---?, Martha Yager, Elizabeth Miller; Septima Bartlett, Octima Spencer, Susan, William and Arthur Sitton.

Daughter, Anne Nash, now deceased, and her children: Margaret Pope of Texas; James Nash and William Nash; daughter, Elizabeth Mullins, her children, John, Thomas, Veraton, Lacy and Elizabeth.

Granddaughter, Margaret Pierce, daughter of Elizabeth, deceased.

Daughter, Mary E. Portwood, wife of John K. Portwood: Bentley Halbert, son of Arthur C. Halbert

Executors: Sons, Percival P. and Joel J. Halbert

Witnesses: Alexander Copelan, B. T. Cook, J. M. Copeland

Probated: October 26, 1854

Probate Book "M"

John Owen - Page 115 - Written June 27, 1841

John Owen of Bladen County, North Carolina and a planter

To wife, Lucy Ann Owen, and daughter, Ellen Portersfield Owen, all of estate.

Executrix: Lucy Ann Owen

Witnesses: J. W. Wright, James Carman

Recorded: January 1855

Rebecca Adams - Page 148 - Written sometime in the year 1850

To granddaughter, Betty Scott, slaves

To grandson, Daniel J. Shepherd, slaves; if he dies without issue then slaves to go to granddaughter, Eliza Rebecca Shepherd.

Favorite slaves left under the guardianship of brother, William Baker.

These slaves left to wife of William, Sarah Baker.

Executor: William Baker (also called Simon W. Baker)

Witnesses: S. W. Baker, George C. Brown, John A. Timberlake

Probated: December 1854

Martha Pool - Page 156 - Written January 2, 1855

To sister, Louisa L. Gray, slave

To Thomas A. Gray, slave to be held for benefit and use of niece,

Martha A. R. Wren, wife of R. Wren, during her lifetime.

To grandniece, Mary Alice, daughter of Martha A. R. Wren, money now in possession of brother-in-law, Thomas A. Gray

Probated: February 1855

Stephen Reeder - Page 275 - Written April 6, 1848

To wife, Eleanor Reeder, during her natural life, land "on which we live", also 58 acres in Pickens County, Alabama, slaves, furniture, etc.

To daughter, Minerva Reeder, of delicate constitution, to stay with mother; if she marries, mother will furnish her with an outsetting in proportion to which other childred received at their marriage.

After death of wife, estate to: William C. Reeder, Benjamin F. Reeder, Elizabeth Webb, Martha N. Cox and Minerva Reeder

Executrix: Wife, Eleanor Reeder

Witnesses: A. D. Suddath, John W. Suddath
Probated: May 1855

Ann Dale - Page 312 - Written October 1814
Ann Dale of York District, South Carolina
To daughters, Elizabeth Henry, Mary Davis and Francis Brown, slaves.
To son, James Dale, slave
To granddaughter, Maryann Dale, daughter of James Dale, slave.
To granddaughter, Charlotte Brown, daughter of Samyel Brown, slave.
To son, Robert Dale, plantation
Mentions three other children: George, Frances and Ann Cheston. No last name given for these children, probably Dale
Witnesses: Hugh Wells, Robert Lyon, John Moore
Probated: June 12, 1855, Lowndes County, Miss.

Abner Wallace - Page 405 - Written March 25, 1854
To niece, Adine A. Marshall, slaves; she to pay Joseph W. Nash, one-half of amount of valuation
To heirs of brother, Joseph Wallace, deceased, and to James W. Goodwin, son of William Goodwin and wife, Emetine Goodwin, slaves, if Adine Marshall dies, or if Joseph W. Nash dies.
To nephew, Joseph W. Wallace; and niece, Sarah R. Wallace, slave
Witnesses: John A. (or H.) Sanford, Seneca A. Caltonstall, Lawson H. Williford
Recorded: September 4, 1855

Robert Richey - Page 441 - Written August 26, 1855
To wife, Nancy Richey, all property, real and personal, to be kept together as long as she remains a widow. All children to be educated and at marriage given enough to start them to housekeeping, and charge to them at death of wife.
Executors: Wife, Nancy Richey, and Robert C. Richey
Witnesses: William G. Gordon, Albert G. Cox, A. A. Hawthorne
Probated: December 1855

William Clayton - Page 499 - Written August 5, 1847
To wife, Susana G. Clayton, all property, real and personal
To son, Mansfield Clayton and son, Hsely A. Clayton; daughter, Elizabeth Ann Petis McDaniel, wife of James L. McDaniel; Martha Ann Ham, wife of James Ham; Julia Ann Spears, wife of John N. Spears; Mary Ann Lock, wife of Thomas Lock; Ann Eliza Alford, wife of James Alford; all estate at death of wife, Susana G. Clayton.
To son, John A. Clayton, one dollar
Executors: Wife, Susana G. Clayton, and friend, Abraham Murdock
Witnesses: Harrison Hale, Benjamin C. Warren, Gideon C. White
Codicil, November 10, 1855: Son, Mansfield Clayton now dead, to granddaughter, his child, Ella Gertrude Clayton, the equal share of her father
Witnesses to Codicil: Wells A. Thompson, John W. Stone, Finess E. Harris
Probated: December 1855

Moses Butt - Page 732 - Written Columbus, Georgia, January 14, 1848

To son, Frederick A. Butt, \$50.00 out of notes held by his father, having previously given him his share.

To son, William B. Butt, one-half of property in land under his control.

To son, John H. Butt, six slaves; to son, Richard L. Butt, five slaves; to daughter, Sarah A. King, six slaves.

Son, John H. Butt, trustee for daughter, Mary V. Butt, six slaves.

To John Henry, Richard L., Mary V. Butt and Sarah A. King, all lands in Alabama, except near Eanon (880 acres; a lot in Carroll County, Georgia; one in Murray County, Georgia?; one in Habersham County, Georgia, and one in Thomas County, Georgia mentioned in will.

Harvey King given authority to sell Alabama lands; John H. Butt authority to sell lands in Georgia.

Wife, Priscilla Butt, John H. trustee for Georgia P. in trust for her sole and separate use and benefit and "behoof" Moses E., Willis B. and James E. kept together to raise and educate said four children last mentioned.

Executors: John Bank; and son, John H. Butt

Witnesses: D. F. Wilcox, Arad Syman, M. L. Patterson

Probated in Lowndes County, Mississippi: April 1856

Mahala Medlock - Page 787 - Written March 3, 1856

Money left by son, John J. Clardy, deceased, to pay doctor bill and funeral expenses.

To Logan C. Clardy and William C. Clardy, one dollar each.

Balance of said money left by son to be equally divided between

Nathaniel B. Medlock and "my daughter", Druscilla Catherine Medlock

To husband, Absolom Medlock, all rights to land; also executor

Witnesses: James M. Dowdle, Elam Robinson, Thomas D. Wiggin

Probated: April 1856

Probate Book "N"

William F. Shields - Page 26 - Written July 4, 1845

Wife and all children whole estate "and all which I am entitled to from the estate of the late Dr. Jesse C. Bouchelle"

Executors: Wife (not named in will); Capt. William W. Nielson, Capt. Edward B. Randolph

Witnesses: James Whitfield, Andrew J. Jordon, Stephen A. Brown

Codicil added February 15, 1856; witnessed by Henry Dickinson, Thomas Christian, John W. Chandler

Probated: July 7, 1856

John Cross - Page 57 - Written June 20, 1856

To daughter, Sarah Rebecca Hewey, wife of Willis Hewey, books

To daughter, Susannah Lyon, wife of Hartwell J. Lyon, furniture

To son, John Cross, money

To daughter, Eliza Matilda Platt, wife of Robert B. Platt, "my new bed quilt called "Rising Sun".

To daughter, Margaret Elizabeth Bean, wife of Milton Bean, furniture,

"my new Bible and one set of teaspoons".

To daughter, Aletha Jon Shular, wife of John Shular "one lid cover"
To Milton G. Bean "my travelling trunk, the canvas cover is marked
JKC", waggons and mule.

To son, Henry C. Cross "my gold watch and \$150.00 in cash to buy a
horse", also "my old Family Bible"

Remaining estate to be sold and divided. Mentions Deed of Gift to
six children named above.

Executor: Milton G. Bean

Witnesses: D. L. McMichael, H. S. Taylor, F. S. Scull, Abm. Murdock

Probated: August 5, 1856

A. J. Swepson - Page 94 - Written July 1856, but not signed

Wife, Caroline Lauratta Ward Swepson

Daughters, Ella Ann and Anna Elizabeth Swepson; and should they die
without issue, then property to be equally divided among the female
heirs of John D. Gay

Probated: September 1856

Jeptha V. Harris, Sr. - Page 115 - Written Clarke County, Georgia,
October 18, 1855

To wife, Sally Harris, dividend from bonds, stock, slaves and furniture
To son, Eugene M. (or W.) Harris to help mother with land for six years
after death of father.

To daughter, Rebecca L. Bibb, twelve slaves

To daughters, Mary Saffold and Talulah Taylor; and to son, Jeptha Harris
money

Mentions "certain villians that murdered my son, Elijah W. Harris"

Names sons, James, William, George, Jeptha and Eugene; and daughters,
Sarah E. Buckner, Ann R. Clayton, Rebecca L. Bibb, Mary L. Saffold,
Susan J. Billups and Talulah Taylor.

Executors: Sally Harris; and sons, James E., William L., George H. and
Jeptha V. Harris (Jr.)

Witnesses: Robert Taylor, John Billups, W. G. Delaney

Probated Lowndes County, Miss.: September 1856

Martha Mullins - Page 144 - Written December 20, 1853

Slaves to be divided between children, Lucy Nash, wife of Ira Nash;
John N. Mullins and Perry Mullins

Property to be sold and divided between children

Executor: Son, Perry Mullins

Witnesses: Joseph Norris, F. T. Weaver, John N. Harris

Probated: October 1856

Wyatt Rigell - Page 164 - Written November 26, 1854

To wife, Mary Rigell, furniture, cattle, real estate, etc.; also
named executrix

Witnesses: C.C. Rice, S. R. Bell

Probated: October 1856

Edward Fulgham - Page 175 - Written September 11, 1856

Wife, Judy Fulgham, and John B. Russell, named executors

All children not of age at death of father to be educated

Daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Counts, slave

Witnesses: William Woodliff, Benajah Gibson, Thomas H. Mayo

Probated: October 1856

Samuel Hosmer - Page 192 - Written August 31, 1856

Nuncupative will - Will states Samuel Hasmer died September 5, 1856, and that he wanted his books sold at a private sale in Richard's Store, or as "he thinks proper". Books not to be sold at public sale unless such as cannot be sold at a private sale.

Affidavitt signed by: W. C. Richards, Thomas Christian, L. Williams

Probated: October 1856

William Feemster - Page 265 - Written July 20, 1853

To wife, land, furniture, etc. (wife not named in will)

To son, James K. Feemster, horse, clock

Money in possession at death to: Cephas H. Feemster, James K. Feemster, William D. Feemster, Ephraim L. Feemster and Lena E. Feemster

Executors: Sons, Cephas H. and James K. Feemster

Witnesses: William L. Love, Zenas Robinson, Joseph Kolb

Probated: November 1856

David Hearon - Page 283 - Written May 29, 1856

To wife, Elenor Hearon, slave, furniture, etc.

To child born of Francis Elenor Davis who was widow of son, John Hearon, deceased, one dollar

To wife, Elenor Hearon and children: Edward Hearon, Rachail Fincth?, Isaac Hearon, Arania? Hearon and Uriah Hearon, all property, real and personal.

Executor: Son, Uriah Hearon

Witnesses: Richard Evans, Nathaniel Barnett, A. D. Thomas

Probated: November 1856

Cordelia A. Jones - Page 286 - Written February 4, 1856

Son, Aurelius C. Jones, one-third of estate at age of 21 years.

To daughters, Cordelia E. Jones and Mary M. Jones, each to have one-third of estate when they reach age of 18 years.

Brother, William Gibson to be guardian of above children

Executor: William Gibson

Mentions late husband, Aurelius N. Jones

Witnesses: James W. Fields, Neel Bartee, G. W. Marquess

Probated: November 1856

Neal Bartee - Page 424 - Written September 20, 1856

Property shall be divided into five equal shares in value counting that advanced to daughter, Francis W. Green and husband, James H. Green

Part advanced for education of son, William R. Bartee

Daughters, Mary E. and Julia Bartee; and sons, William R. and James R. Bartee, each to have one-fifth of estate

Wife, Croticeann* Bartee. no part of estate as she has large separate estate of her own.

Friend and brother-in-law. Elbert E. Leach, named executor

Son-in-law, James H. Green, to be guardian of minor children

Witnesses: Robert D. Haden, Francis G. Baldwin, Thomas Christian

Probated: July 11, 1857

*Index to will Book One lists Crotia Ann Bartee

Peter Warren - Page 206 - Written August 20, 1846

To wife, Ann Warren, all estate, real and personal, during her natural lifetime; remaining to children and their heirs, to be equallly divided between them.

Children: Amanda Wheeler, Nancy Wheeler, wife of Joseph Wheeler; Martha C. Angle, wife of Dr. Sidney T. Angle; Sarah Warren, Peter Warren, Jr., John Warren, Carter Warren; Mary W. McGee, wife of Hull T. McGee

To Mary W. McGee, Amanda Wheeler, property worth \$500.00; same to Nancy Wheeler who has since returned to said advancement and is now part of estate.

To son, Dr. Joseph Warren, nothing as he has no children and has competent livelihood.

Executors to sell as soon as convenient, all property in South Carolina

Executors: Sons, Dr. Joseph Warren, Peter T. Warren, John Warren

Witnesses: William Barksdale, A. Bovlin, Samuel Hosmer

Codicil one: Since writing will Sidney T. Angle has departed this life and directs executors not to purchase slave for Martha Ann? Angle.

Second codicil written June 25, 1851, states that sons, Joseph and John A. are deceased, appoints son, Benjamin Carter Warren to act in conjunction with Peter T. Warren

Witnesses to this codicil: W. T. Barry, J. A. Curtis, A. B. Duling

On February 18, 1856, Peter Warren adds that \$500.00 be deducted from Peter T. Warren's share

Another codicil added request that Margaret Warren, wife of Peter T. Warren be given two slaves; and appoints Harrison Hale of Columbus, Miss. to serve as executor with Peter T. Warren

Probated: November 5, 1856

William Holt - Page 354 - Written Barbour County, Alabama, Oct. 21, 1847
Funeral at Methodist Church

To son, Thomas Holt, \$1,700.00, having already given him land, slaves valued at \$300.00

Granddaughter, Martha Holt, child of son, William Holt, money

Already given son, William, property valued at \$1,800.00

Daughter, Elizabeth Rainey, wife of Herbert C. Rainey

Appoints Thomas Monton (or Norton) of Monroe County, Miss. trustee for Elizabeth Rainey and children

Daughter, Jane Holt, to live with Brother Wingent M. Turner, a minister.

A house and lot in Glenville to be set apart as a service of Brother Turner and his family

Executors: Robert Holt, brother of William Holt, Henry W. Jenigan and son, Abden Holt

Witnesses: William Flake, Marticna D. ---?, William W. B. Weston
Proved: Barbour County, Alabama, October 21, 1857

John A. Jones - Page 445 - Written January 20, 1857
To mother, Martha B. Jones, all estate for life; at her death to
brothers and sisters.
Executor: Brother, Oliver Jones.
Witnesses: M. R. Coper, James T. Gaston, Lafayette Gaston
Probated: February 1857

James Bell - Page 459 - Written February 3, 1857
All property to be sold and proceeds to be equally divided between
wife, Nancy Adaline Bell and son, Vincent Bell, and daughter Anna
Elizabeth Bell. The children to receive money when they become of age.
Witnesses: E. (Edward) H. Gregory, E. (Elett) J. Homes
Sworn to: March 2, 1857
James Bell must have been son of Vincent and Penelope Bell. Vincent
Bell left will recorded in Book "L", page 278 and named grandson,
Vincent Bell, son of James Bell

Malinda Sampson - Page 463 - Written June 17, 1857
Husband, Thomas Sampson, bequeathed daughter, Margaret W. Thompson,
wife of Benjamin R. Thompson, equal portion to remain in possession
of Silas Sampson until death of said Benjamin R. Thompson. Mother,
Malinda Sampson, leaves her \$1,850.00 as equal portion of Thomas
Sampson's estate.
Sons, Silas Sampson and James Sampson; daughters, Emily A. Henry, wife of
James Henry; Sarah Catherine Rowan, wife of Montgomery Rowan have been
paid full share.
Executor: Abraham Murdock
Witnesses: A. S. Humphries, G. R. White, George M. Mullin
Probated: March 1857

Isabella F. McMichael - Page 600 - Written March 21, 1857
To sisters, Catharine A. McGrath?, Sally C. Hutchinson, Eliza A. Hal-
bert, the first residing in Kentucky, the last two in Missouri, money
To husband, Dr. D. Q.? McMichael, notes due from William Z. Cozart.
To Eliza Shaeffer, daughter of Reverend George Shaeffer, money
Balance divided between daughters, Mary Joseph Ward and Sarah Eliza
Ward
Executor: Step-father, Peter G. Thompson
Witnesses: George H. Harris, C. D. Oliver, Francis A. Billups
Probated: April 1857

Ann R. Clayton - Page 635 - Written
"With consent of husband, George R. Clayton, and in accordance with
the power vested by said will of Jephtha V. Harris (Sr.), deceased",
the following: Estate estimated to be valued at \$30,000.00 to be di-
vided:
To eldest child, William Jephtha Clayton, \$5,800.00

To next child, Julia Ann Chandler, \$5,600.00
To next child, Almira E. Clayton, \$5,400.00
Next child, Fannie R. Clayton, \$5,000.00
Next child, Lucinda Cary Clayton, \$4,500.00
To the youngest child, Norma Clayton, \$3,700.00
The gold watch received from Grandmother, Mrs. Nancy Hunt, given upon the understanding that it was to go to the eldest daughter (of Ann R. Clayton). As Julia Ann Chandler is eldest daughter, she to receive the watch, it to go to her eldest daughter.
"my own watch" to go to Almira E. Clayton
As other daughters arrive of age, they are to have a gold watch of equal value as that received by Julia Ann Chandler
Executor: George R. Clayton
Witnesses: Isaac Williams, Jephtha V. Harris, Mary C. Harris
Sworn to: May 5, 1857

Stephen Townsend - Page 778 - Written March 6, 1857
Equal distribution between wife, Nancy Grady Townsend and children.
All the following children left slave or slaves: Bingly Townsend, Thomas Townsend, Charles Townsend; daughters, Sabilla Townsend, and Winniford Townsend
Executors: Wife, Nancy Grady Townsend and Joseph M. Evans
Witnesses: G. W. Brown, W. H. Brame, J. M. Evans
Sworn to: July 7, 1857

Robert H. Carson - Page 754 - Written March 18, 1857
Names partner, Dr. John Allison of Iredell County, North Carolina who is to work plantation for three years after death of Robert H. Carson
Wife, Jane L. Carson and Letitia M. Carson, only child, to share in estate.
To sister, Mrs. Martha Scott, an annuity of \$200.00
To nephew, Samuel Weatherby, son of deceased sister, Margaret, \$500.00
Property to Bethel Presbyterian Church Burying ground "of which I expect my body to be laid" put in complete repair. Mentions he is a member of this Church.
Wife, Jane L. Carson and brother-in-law, Dr. John Allison, named guardian of daughter; also named executors
Codicil: To brother, Eleazer Carson, \$300.00, same date and witnesses as will
Witnesses: A. C. Jennings, D. Love, N. T. Harris, E. T. Baird
Probated: August 1857

William Winston - Page 773 - Written April 3, 1857
William Winston late of Franklin County, Alabama
Children of deceased daughter, Pamela V. Potters, 30 bales of cotton per annum beginning with year 1857; and \$500.00
To son, William H. Winston, 50 bales of cotton beginning with year 1857; and \$500.00
Names son, John A. Winston
To daughter, Polly K. Winston, slave and \$10,000.00

To daughter, Sarah M. Winston, slave and \$10,000.00

Already given plantation in Brazoria (Brazos?) County, Texas to son, Stephen P. Winston

To daughter, Martha B. Winston, \$10,000.00 to be invested in land; also left slaves

To son, Thomas E. Winston, \$10,000.00 to be invested in land; also left slaves

To wife, Judith, slaves and all remainder of property in Franklin County, Alabama, both real and personal, except money, bonds and notes. At her death, or remarriage, said personal property to be equally divided between five youngest children now living; and the said real property to be equally divided between Thomas E. and Edmond C. Winston. Three youngest children: Judith M., Helen A. and Edmond C. Winston, all property in Mississippi except slaves willed to daughter, Martha B. Winston

Executors to pay Mrs. Betsy Winston \$50.00 per annum during her life; and to Polly Jones, widow of Jesse Jones, the same amount during her life.

Executors: Sons, John A. and William H. Winston

Witnesses: B. F. Newsom, L. B. Cooper, E. Winston

Probated Lowndes County, Miss., August 1857

James H. Trimble, Judge of Probate Franklin County, Alabama

Probate Book "O"

John Seale - Page 116 - Written June 15, 1850

To wife, Margaret Seale, all property

To children: Elizabeth Jordon, wife of Edwin Jordon, slaves, land and furniture valued at \$5,150.00; to Judith E. Jordon, wife of William C. Jordon, slaves, land and furniture valued at \$4,400.00

To Benajah B. Seale, slaves and furniture valued at \$3,650.00

Executors: Benajah B. Seale, William C. Jordon

Witnesses: James Whitfield, Stephen A. Brown, Amzi E. Love

Probated: December 1857

Mary Banks - Page 183 - Written April 22, 1853

To son, James O. Banks, all of estate

If James dies without issue, "it is my will that said slaves vest in my Thomas, if then living".

If son, Thomas Banks, dies without issue, slaves to next of kin

Witnesses: J. J. Ormond, A. J. Nicholson, Jane Sexton

Probated: January 1858

Mattie Lindsay - Page 275 - Written September 5, 1857

To sister, Mary Ann Bacon; and brother, Mellish Motte Lindsay, all estate.

If sister dies without issue, whole of estate in Tennessee or else where to brother, Mellish M. Lindsay

If he dies without issue, to sister, Martha Newton Lea

Executors: William W. Lea; and brother Mellish M. Lindsay

Witnesses: Anna J. Pouncy, Lewis M. Stone
Probated: February 1858

Bernard G. Hendrick - Page 494 - Written May 7, 1858

Having already given son-in-law, N. Barnett 5 slaves; to daughter, Julia E. White, 2 slaves; to daughter, Eliza Keeler, 2 slaves; to daughter, Sarah Nelson, one slave; to granddaughter, Lucy McCann, slaves.

To wife, Lucy Hendrick, all rest of property; at her death to children and grandchildren representing their deceased parents, viz: daughters Mary Barnett, Ann A. Woolfolk, Julia White, Eliza Keeler, Sarah Nelson; the children of deceased daughter, Lucy Barnett, to wit: Betty Burn? (Barnett?), Eliza Barnett, Jane Barnett, Daniel Barnett, Lucy Barnett, the said five children representing their mother, Lucy; children of deceased daughter, Prudence McCann, to wit: Lucy McCann and Richard McCann.

At death of daughter, Mary Barnett, her portion to son, Frank B. Barnett.

Executor: Son-in-law, Nathaniel Barnett

Witnesses: Sam W. Mullin, F. S. Scull, Stephen A. Brown

Probated: 1858

Probate Book "P"

Aaron V. Brown - Page 279 - Written near Nashville, Tennessee
February 1, 1846

All estate, real and personal, and whatsoever, to be divided between wife, Cynthia Brown and children by former and present marriages, share and share alike. To wife, slaves, furniture, plate tableware, etc.

Children by former marriage to live with "my wife".

To daughter, Laura, slaves "as the same was requested by her mother".

Claim to lands in Texas "now in course of establishment". R. P.

Curran or H. Yokehum in Texas can give information in claim

Executors: Brother, William Brown, and friend, Thomas Martin

Witnesses: W. W. Humphries, Surate; Narcissa P. Saunders

Recorded: November 1859

The following wills were copied from Original Estate Papers

Hugh Stevenson - Package #436 - Written November 24, 1844

This will also recorded in Probate Book "D", page 456

To wife, Darcus Amanda Stevenson, all things (such as furniture, etc.) she brought with her.

All lands, stock and other property to be sold. Wife to have \$300.00, the remainder to be divided equally between Mother, brothers and sisters; and nephew, John R. Egger, son of Hugh Egger

Executors: Elam Robinson, John Stevenson

Witnesses: George B. Watts, Hugh E. Egger, Andrew H. Murphy

Recorded: March 4, 1845

The name was spelled both Stevenson and Stephenson in the estate papers
From papers: Received December 12, 1846: Andrew Stephenson, Mary Stephenson, James Stephenson, Hugh A.? Egger, John Stephenson and Robert Stephenson

On December 15, 1846, Hannah Egger and John R. Egger

On December 26, 1846: Ann Hollingsworth and husband, J. A. Hollingsworth. On November 17, 1847: Atamatilda Stephenson; brother (of Hugh) William D. Stephenson

Sanford Allen - Package #439 - Written Robertson County, Tennessee
July 18, 1844

To wife, Ellen Allen, lots in town of Columbus, Miss., stock, etc., during her lifetime, provided she remains a widow. Should she marry all property to be sold at private sale; the money divided "among my four children": Nancy Ann Allen, John C. Allen, Francis Virginia Allen and Emily A. C. Allen

To brother, William W. Allen property

Executors: Dr. W. W. Humphries; brother William W. Allen

Witness: William Roberts

Probated: October 9, 1844

Samuel Brown, Jr. - Package #834 - Written January 29, 1855

This will recorded in Probate Book "M", page 186

To wife, Parthenia C. Brown, all property, real and personal, provided she remains a widow; if upon such second marriage, all property to brothers and sisters of testator, Samuel Brown, Jr.

Executrix: Parthenia C. Brown

Witnesses: William Spillman, G. W. Gentry, C. E. Hardin

Probated: March 1855

Mary E. J. Lawson* - Package #840 - No date as to when written

*Estate Docket lists name as Mary H. E. Lawson, Mary Lawson was widow of Andrew Lawson, Sr. Will written in Bossier Parish, Louisiana
To son, Andrew Lawson, Jr., all property subject to "this charge", that he take care of his grandfather, Lewis (also Louis) B. Taliaferro and his grandmother, Elizabeth Taliaferro, they to be paid interest on money (\$7,000.00) for life

"I disinherit my son, Lewis Bubon Shotwell for the cause that while yet a man under 21 he contracted and entered into a marriage with Laura Hay without my consent and against my wishes after I had required him not to do"

Probated: October 1854

Mary Lawson died sometime the latter part of September 1854

Francis Lightfoot Lee - Package #850 - Written June 27, 1853

Also recorded in Probate Book "M", page 337

To wife, Caroline E. Lee, all estate whatsoever. At her death to sisters, Ellen L. Knapp and Emily L. Lee

Executrix: Caroline E. Lee

Witnesses: Richard Evans, Isaac Winston, James F. Taylor

Sworn to: June 4, 1855

Carson Shinn - Package #857 - Written April 25, 1855, Mobile, Alabama

Carson Shinn died sometime during April 1855

To wife, Maria Shinn, property, to be held, owned and controlled by her for herself and children. If she remarries, all property she has of her husband's to be equally divided between her and children.

Col. George W. Young of Waverly, Mississippi to assist wife and in event of her death, to be guardian of children

Witnesses: John M. Hughes, John W. Young, James C. Rupert

Sworn to, Mobile, Alabama, May 23, 1855

Papers of Carson Shinn name children Virginia and Laura Shinn

John McIver - Package #396 - Written May 16, 1843

John McIver was a native of Ireland

To brother, William McIver, one equal third part of all estate

To sister, Jane McFarland, formerly Jane McIver, wife of Alexander McFarland, one equal third part.

To sister, Margaret Taggart, formerly Margaret McIver, one equal third of estate.

All the above parts to sisters are for them and their heirs, apart from their husbands

To brother, James McIver, all private papers, correspondence

Witnesses: Charles H. Bagby, William Murdock

Executors: Friend, Robert Haselett (Hazlett)

This will recorded in Probate Book "D", Page 299, June 8, 1843

Stephen A. Ward - Package #466 - Written January 5, 1846

Also recorded in Probate Book "D", page 164

Will written by J. G. Leverett and Lott W. Laws

Brother, William D. Ward to be paid for trouble "he has been at with me"

Lot W. Laws, William Duncan and Benjamin Townsend to decide amount to be paid

Executor: Lot W. Laws

Property to be equally divided between "my brothers and sister, that are here; and my sister Almira to come in for equal share".

Recorded: January 5, 1846

Robert Portwood - Package #326

The Index to Estate Docket, Book One lists Robert Portwood as having left a will, none was found. The estate papers state he died intestate.

The following heirs were named in the estate papers:

John R. Portwood, Robert Portwood, W. W. Portwood, Z. Portwood, S. Portwood, Sol R. McClanahan; Thomas Edmondson in right of wife, Elizabeth Edmondson; John Stapp, in right of wife, Mary Stapp; William Brownlee, in right of wife, Catherine Brownlee; John Bibb in right of wife, Eletha (Sally?) Bibb and Mrs. Nancy Portwood, widow of Robert Portwood

Benjamin Sherrod - Package #546

Benjamin Sherrod is also listed as having left a will, a copy was not found in Lowndes County, Miss. The will is recorded in Lawrence County, Alabama.

Benjamin Sherrod died February 25, 1847 according to Lowndes County papers. Executors named were Federick O, A. Sherrod and Richard Jones

Temperance Skinner - Recorded in Probate Book "G", page 259

Written July 12, 1843

To granddaughter, Sarah Temperance Platt, slaves, furniture, wearing apparel "in short all and everything that lawfully belongs to me"

To son, Ralph G. Skinner, the sum of \$20.00

Executor: David Platt

Witnesses: S. (or P.) C. Maldron, Martin Ruple, B. L. Miller

Recorded: April 1846

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WILL BOOK ONE

Elisha Sharp - Page 1 - Written Pickens County, Alabama, February 18, 1847

Lands in Alabama to be sold.

To wife, Lucy Ann Sharp, and three children, Thomas J., Caroline S. and Jacob H. Sharp, all proceeds of property of every description. \$2,000.00 to be given Humphrey Hardy, Jr., son of Lucy Ann, wife of Elisha Sharp (presumably son of former marriage)

Witnesses: Humphrey S. Shelton, Lewis A. Ragsdale

Probated: April 1858

Mary Short - Page 3 - Written October 10, 1857

Mentions deed made March 8, 1849, deed made by Thomas W. Short.

Thomas W. Short sold to William H. Short slaves, said William H. should as Trustee hold said property as the separate estate and for the use and benefit of Mary Short

To William Augustus Short Jones, \$1,000.00 for educating him

To his mother, Emma Jones, wife of Dr. John M. Jones, money if her son, William Augustus Short Jones dies.

To husband, Thomas H. Short to have and to hold and possess the same until the marriage of "my granddaughter, Mary Dancy Short", slaves. If she dies without issue, slaves to husband, Thomas H. Short. If he dies before Mary Dancy Short, and she dies, then slaves to sister, Julia A. Peebles; niece, Emma J. Jones; and nephew John L. Parham in equal parts

Executors: Thomas H. Short, husband; friend, McKinney Irions, Jr.

Probated: April 1858 Witness: L. A. Saltonstall

William R. Cannon - Page 6 - Written April 15, 1858

To daughter, Jane Cox, a share of all property, real and personal, to equal one-sixth part

Rest to be divided between wife and other children, share and share alike.

To wife (not named in will) all town property in Columbus, Miss., furniture, carriage, horses, etc.

Executors: Brother, Thomas E. Cannon; son-in-law, Samuel M. Meek

Witness: Isham Harrison

Probated: May 1858

James H. Eckford - Page 7 - Written April 28, 1858

Mother, Elisabeth Eckford, guardian of children "and give and bequeath to my said children, Leigh Henry and Melville" property both real and personal, after paying all debts"

Amzie E. Love, F. M. Eckford and George H. Harvy, agents to carry out "my will".

To sister-in-law, Anna Leigh, slave

Witnesses: W. C. Richards, E. C. Field, R. E. Leigh

Recorded: May 1858

Martha J. Williams - Page 10 - Written March 22, 1858

To husband, Moses Williams, slaves. At first of year, 1860, husband Moses Williams to deliver to son, William H. Putman, "the above mentioned slaves"

Witnesses: W. H. McMath, Benjamin Williams
Probated: May 1858

Richard A. Matthews - Page 12 - Written March 15, 1858

To sister, Statia Matthews, all estate, real and personal, forever, also named executrix

Witnesses: R. B. Ellis, B. F. Beckwith, T. Allison
Probated: June 7, 1858

Mary Thompson - Page 12.- Written September 26, 1856

Mary Thompson, wife of Peter G. Thompson, to whom she leaves slaves during his natural lifetime. After his death to Mary Joseph Ward and Sarah Eliza Ward, granddaughters, the daughters of Isabella F. Ward and Iamech Ward (my son). If both grandchildren die childless, then slaves to heirs of Dr. Beyan (or Bryon?) Bidingfield "my nephew, late of Stewart County, Georgia"

Witnesses: Joshua C. Wood and Isabella Wood
Codicil: Witnesses changed to Thomas C. Billups; D. Q. McMichael, Elizabeth Randolph
Recorded: June 1858

Elizabeth Hairston - Page 15 - Written April 21, 1858

To son, Samuel H. Hairston and son, John H. Hairston, amount given and paid them as their share.

To daughters, Sallie S., Bettie H. and Mary T. Hairston; and sons, Robert J., Joab E., George and Fleming S. Hairston, all estate, to be kept together until youngest becomes twenty years of age.

Executor: Brother, George Hairston
Witnesses: George Hairston, John W. West, N. E. Hairston
Probated: July 1858

Thomas D. Wiggin - Page 17 - Written June 10, 1858

To wife, Lavonia Wiggin, all estate, real and personal

To son, Thomas J. Wiggin, note due father, and note due from Thomas J. Greer of Choctaw County, Mississippi

To grandchildren from sale of land: Horace M. Wiggin, Amanda L. Wiggin, John F. Ellis of Itawamba County, Miss., their guardian Money, if collected from suit versus Doct. Benjamin Ellis in Pontotoc Circuit Court, to step-son, Frank Jones of Fulton, Miss., and nephew, Henry F. Wiggin of Franklin County, Tennessee

Executors: Wife, Lavonia Wiggin and Zenas Robinson
Witnesses: M. M. Rowan, James M. Dowdle, M. L. Wells
Probated: July 1858

Robert C. Gee - Page 19 - Written May 6, 1858

To children who may be living, proceeds from sale of estate, real and personal, share and share alike

Mother (of Robert C. Gee) to be supported during her natural life.

Executor: R. B. Mixson; he is also to be guardian of the children
Witnesses: William C. Nickles, Leroy Wood, Joseph E. Harvey
Probated: August 1858

Willis Pope - Page 21 - Written November 26, 1858

To sons, Henry A. Pope and William E. Pope, the sum of \$7.000.00 to loan at an annual interest, the proceeds from loan to wife, Rosanne Pope, for her natural life. After her death, the sum absolutely to the following children: Henry A. Pope, William E. Pope, Elizabeth A. Blair, wife of David P. Blair; George A. Pope, John Pope, Samuel Pope, and Leroy Pope. Should any child die before wife, Rosanne, and leave children, their share to these children.

To sons, Henry A. and William E. Pope, the sum of \$1,500.00 to loan as above, the annual proceeds to son, Leroy Pope. After the death of Leroy the sum absolutely to the same above named children of Willis Pope. Should Leroy live longer than his mother, Rosanne, then his share shall be added to the above \$1,500.00

As grandson, Fernandis Pope, son of "my deceased child, Willis Pope, Jr." has ample estate and "my own is small", given sum of \$5.00, given for reason mentioned and not for want of affection.

All rest and residue to following children, to wit: Henry A. Pope, William E. Pope, Elizabeth A. Blair, wife of D. P. Blair, George A. Pope, Samuel Pope, and John Pope, share and share alike.

Executors: Sons, Henry A. and William E. Pope

Witnesses: John K. Ottley, J. R. Mason, Thomas W. Brown

Probated: January 1859

Jesse Smith - Page 23 - Written June 8, 1855

To wife, Seletia Smith, all property, real and personal, and all other assets, of every description that "I may have at the time of my death" If she remarries, she shall take a child's part and residue divided among legal heirs as they become of age.

Witnesses: Theo. Harvey, P. H. Whitlock, P. Goolsby

Recorded: May 19, 1859

Alexander J. Rabb - Page 25 - Written October 13, 1858

To half-sister in Texas, Mrs. Sarah Knowley, formerly Sarah Sharp, the sum of \$500.00

Balance to sister, Mrs. Emellia Pepkin of Texas: also \$10.00 to brother, James B. Rabb in Alabama

Executrix: Sister, Narcissa E. Sandford

Witnesses: G. R. McDaniel, M. J. Millican, James V. Taylor

Probated: February 21, 1859

John W. Hobby - Page 26 - Written October 25, 1852

Executors: Wife, Elizabeth Jane Hobby and brother of John W. Hobby (not named in will)

Lands to be sold at public or private sale with exception of eighty acres which goes to mother, Sarah Hobby

As soon as estate is settled, all property to wife, Elizabeth Jane

Hobby, as long as she remains a widow; if she marries, to be divided between her and two children (not named)

Witnesses: S. D. Moorer?, William F. Kight, E. M. Woodruff

Probated: November 29, 1852. Later date gives October 21, 1858

Thomas Morris - Page 29 - Written February 28, 1859

Property to be sold and divided into six parts

One-sixth to each of the following: Wife, Victoria Morris; daughters, Martha Cannady, Susan Bevis, Mary F. Morris; and sons, John Morris and Wiley Morris, he to have slave valued at \$1,200.00, this amount to be deducted from his one-sixth part of estate.

Executor: Son-in-law, S. D. Bevis

Witnesses: E. R. Crusoe, Oliver P. Caldwell, Andrew J. Ashmore

Probated: March 28, 1859

William J. Smith - Page 31 - Written March 29, 1859

Daniel Q. McMichael and James P. Kenny were at the residence of William J. Smith to write will. Will contains no property, nor does it mention the names of any heirs, if any.

Recorded: April 1859

Sarah M. Frierson - Page 32 - Written March 25, 1859

To son, Boston? L. Frierson, slaves during his natural life, then to be divided among his children

To son A. A. Frierson, slave; also notes held against him

Names grandson, James R. Mitchell

Remainder of property, also sum of \$500.00 to be divided between three sons, S. R. Frierson, B. L. Frierson and A. A. Frierson

All remaining money, after debts and funeral expenses are paid, to grandson, James M. Frierson

Three sons to carry out will

Witnesses: No witnesses but handwriting of Sarah M. Frierson sworn to by: Ann P. McClary, Mary M. McMichael and Samuel F. McClary

Probated: July 20, 1859

Mary W. Harris - Page 34 - Written February 1, 1859?(no year given)

To husband George W. Harris, slaves inherited from estate of deceased father, Samuel Dowse, of Burke County, Georgia; also sum of money inherited from same source; also all the rest of the estate, real and personal.

Executor: Husband, George W. Harris

Witnesses: George W. Sherman, William J. Clayton, T. J. Sharp

Recorded: July 25, 1859

Ezekial Morris - Page 35 - Written July 29, 1857

To wife, Ann Morris, all "land whereon I reside containing 126 acres", all property of every description, at her death to daughter, Margaret Delinah Morris

To other children already given "when leaving me", their portion as circumstances would permit

Witnesses: Andrew Egger, J. R. Egger, Hugh A. Egger
Recorded: July 25, 1859

Richard Randolph - Page 37 - Written 1840 in Columbus, Mississippi
Will was found in sealed envelope, opened February 26, 1859
A trust for brother, B. F. Randolph, and sister A. M. Randolph
Mentions V. Marion and his sons, Brett and Ryland
Books to namesake, Richard Randolph, son of brother. Also names
James Carter and Brett Randolph, sons of Marion Randolph
Executor: E. B. Ramey?
Recorded: July 25, 1859

William M. C. Mims-Mimms* Page 39 - Written in Arkansas, April 3, 1859
*Name is spelled both Mims and Mimms in will
On September 22, 1857, article of agreement entered into by Lucy
Randle (now my wife), portion of my estate to which she should be
entitled in case she should survive me was fixed, however to be super-
seded heretofore by my last will and testament.
Having heretofore given daughter, Victoria O. Whitfield (now deceased)
the mother of my grandson, Isham Harrison Whitfield, the following, to
wit: equal that of daughter, Sarah Cox, deceased*, in money and other
effects received
To daughter, Sarah R. Cox, wife of Artemus J. Cox, Lowndes County,
Miss., money
To Lucy Mimms, money and equal share of estate
To son, Joseph B. Mimms, of Harrison County, Texas, slaves
To son, James P. Mimms, slaves
To son, William Sidney Mimms of Ashely County, Arkansas, a minor,
money for education, and slaves
To daughter, Eliza Jane Mimms, minor, money and slaves
William M. C. Mims had property in Texas and Arkansas
Executors: Wife, Lucy Mimms of Arkansas; son, Joseph B. Mimms, George
Whitfield, Artemus Cox
Witnesses: Thomas Tabb, Julius Randle, Charles H. Abert
Probated: August 1859

* It could not be determined from the wording of the will why Sarah
Cox, deceased, is mentioned later as wife of Artemus J. Cox
The above mentioned agreement gives William M. C. Mims of Harrison
County, Texas and Lucy Randle of Lowndes County, Mississippi

Benjamin Brock - Page 44 - No date given when written
Wife, Rebecca Brock named executrix. Their children to be supported
and educated, each being entitled to a child's part as they become
of age.
"Provided my wife should die or get married before the youngest
children have finished their education, then my youngest son shall
be entitled to \$200.00; the next youngest son entitled to \$100.00
and my daughter, \$150.00 - more than an equal division of eldest
children out of the land when it is divided".
Witnesses: None, but handwriting of Benjamin Brock sworn to by
Frederick Randle

Recorded: October 25, 1859

James K. Feemster - Page 46 - Written September 27, 1859

To five eldest daughters, \$10.00 each

The remainder to mother and sister, Delilah, as long as they shall live

To brother, William D. Feemster, \$50.00; same to brother, Zenas E. Feemster; and same to be divided among "all my brothers and sisters or their heirs".

What property owned with brother, William D. Feemster, to be his.

To Silas Randle, stove and vessels

Property to brothers, Zenas, Cephas H., Silas J., William Feemster and to Ephraim Feemster, son of James K. Feemster

Executors: Brother, Cephas H. Feemster; William L. Love

Witnesses: Elzy D. Minter, Alexander Morris, Z. Robinson

Probated: November 1859

John Gilmer - Page 52 - Written December 29, 1858

Wife, named executrix (Name of wife not given in will but estate papers name her, Susan C. Gilmer)

To daughter, Lucy O. Gilmer, wife of William R. Gilmer, money

To son, Nicholas J. Gilmer, money

To daughter, Ann Gabrella Prophett, wife of Robert Prophett, money; also money to daughter, Susan B. McGee, wife of Dr. John McGee

To son, Charles S. Gilmer, in addition to what already given, money

To son, John Gilmer, in addition to what already given, money, gold watch, horse and buggy

To wife, slaves, lands, etc.

To grandson, John Gilmer, son of William Gilmer; and granddaughter, Mollie McGee, daughter of Susan McGee, railroad stock

Witnesses: John McGee, Charles Gilmer. Susan B. McGee

Probated: February 1860

Jerome H. B. Atkinson - Page 49 - A nuncupative will written December 18, 1859

To wife, Parthenia and children, all property; to be kept until debts are paid. After that as wife thinks best.

Witnesses: John Bean, Church? L. Williams

Recorded: March 8, 1860

From estate papers, Jerome H. B. Atkinson left the following children: Thomas Edward, Joseph B., Helen V., Rufus H. and Jethre Atkinson

Thomas R. Brooks - Page 55 - Written December 31, 1859

Having already given daughter, Mrs. Harriet E. Span, money and slave property, now gives slaves to wife, Sarah A. Brooks, during widowhood and all remainder of estate to be disposed of and divided among "our children". If she marries, estate to be equally divided between her and children: Jordon H. Brooks, Mary T. Brooks and Sarah Allice B. Brooks

Brooks

Executors: George Hairston; and wife, Sarah A. Brooks



Witnesses: Edm'd G. Sanders, F. O. Dailey, P. C. Hairston
Recorded: March 8, 1860

Peter G. Thompson

To daughter, Melesa? C. Curtis, slave, on following condition, viz:
That she marries with her mother's consent

To step-daughter, Mary F. Curtis, slave, on same condition as above

To wife, Mary A. Thompson, (formerly Mary A. Curtis), after payment of
legal liabilities and gifts heretofore made, all property, both real
and personal, in Lowndes County, Miss.

To wife's sister, Francis E. Curtis, and her daughter term a home and
economical support from property

Nephew, William G., also to be supported in an economical way

To brother, Joseph G. Thompson, and Gen'l, John J. Hodges, all lands in
Neshoba County, Miss., and lands in Parish of Bossiene (Bossier?), Clay-
boun (Claiborne?) and Bienville in state of Louisiana, in trust as
follows: They shall have power to sell lands to best advantage, money
arising from sale shall be equally divided between wife, Mary A. Thomp-
son and brother, Joseph G. Thompson

Executor: Col. Thomas C. Billups

Witnesses: Thomas Christian, E. S. Abernathy, P. G. Thompson, Jr.

Recorded: March 21, 1860

Parthenia Hayden (or Haydin) - Page 61 - Written June 4, 1860

To brothers and sisters, or their children \$20,000.00

To brothers and sisters of first husband, John Thurman, or their
children, \$20,000.00

To Mary Irion, Parthenia Brown, Phoebe Irion and James Love, \$3,000.00,
to be laid out in a tract of land; also slaves

Executors to sell place on the Luxapalila "where I now reside"; also to
sell slaves.

Executor: Nephew, McKinney Irion

Witnesses: Thomas Christian, James W. Field, T. H. Short

Codicil: Brother, McKinney Irion to have plantation on Luxapalila

Parthenia Barron, wife of Cullen Barron; Parthenia C. Brown,

Elizabeth C. Irion, Cornelia A. P. Irion, Eliza L. Irion and James W.
Irion, each \$600.00

To McKinney Irion, Jr. and his children, Betsy and Lucy, one-half;

to George Irion and children, one-fourth; to Eliza Love, wife of
Charles Love and her children, one-fourth. Added July 2, 1860

Witnessed by George Shaeffer, C. Shaeffer, Thomas Christian

"I consent to my wife making this codicil", signed: James Hayden

Recorded: August 15, 1860

Josephus L. Covington - Page 66 - Written May 25, 1854

After payment of debts, the whole of estate, real and personal, to
friend, Edward C. Eggleston of Columbus, Miss., also named executor

Witnesses: C. M. Dickinson, George C. Brown, William H. H. Patterson

Probated: August 1860

Orlando Caufield - Page 68 - Written September 1859

To wife, land and slaves during her natural life or widowhood, If she marries, property to be divided among heirs in the following manner:

To son, Burton Caufield, land; he paying his brother, Royal Caufield \$1,000.00

To son, Orlando Caufield, land; condition as above and give home to two sisters (not named in will)

Slaves to be divided among children equally

No witnesses but handwriting of Orlando Caufield sworn to by: Abraham Murdock, Sidney S. Franklin, C. B. Caufield

Recorded August 16, 1860

Needham Holloman - Page 71 - Written February 15, 1860

To beloved and dutiful son, Henry Holloman, slave

To dutiful daughter, Fatsy J. Pool, land and money. If she dies without issue, to grandchildren, Amanda and James A., only children of Nancy Pool, deceased

Executors: Moses Jordon, Henry S. Holloman

Witnesses: Jesse Ellis, William Jordon, John W. Stone

Recorded: September 1860

Thomas Townsend - Page 73 - Written March 26, 1860

To daughter, Lucinda Evans, land in Lowndes and Oktibbeha Counties, Mississippi, and slaves

To daughter, Virginia Shackelford, lands in same counties, and slaves

To son, William P. Townsend, money paid by Mr. Orne for land, slaves, and note held against him by his father, Thomas Townsend

All perishable property to be sold, debts paid, and remainder divided among William P., Lucinda and Virginia

Executor: James A. Evans

Witnesses: J. F. Jack, William Cockram, A. J. Powell

Recorded: September 13, 1860

Estate papers of Thomas Townsend name: Lucinda Evans, wife of James Evans of Lowndes County, Miss.; Virginia Shackelford, wife of Thomas H. Shackelford of Chickasaw County, Miss.; and William P. Townsend of Texas, residence unknown. February 1867

Benni* G. (or C.) Denman - Page 76 - Written October 27, 1860

*Name in Will Book One is Benoni, will listed in index of Estate Docket as Benni

To wife, Priscilla Denman, one-half of property

To brother, Moses Denman, the other one-half

Witnesses: Moses Jordon, Jesse Ellis, J. G. Hay, D. Williams

Sworn to: December 3, 1860

Margaret Goolsby - Page 77 - Written November 28, 1860

Margaret Goolsby was widow of Nelson Goolsby

To beloved mother, Nancy Cummings, and sister. Sophronia Gurley, slave, horse, buggy, cattle, etc.

All property which "I am to receive as distributive share of my late husband's estate to my two children, Nancy and Alice"

Executor: Jackson L. Riley

Codicil added November 28, 1860: Mother to be guardian of children

Witnesses (to will): James T. White, Eli M. Brookshire

Recorded: February 15, 1861

Robert Stephenson - Page 80 - Written March 10, 1861

To wife, Jane E. Stephenson, lands, with all personal property of every kind until youngest child is 21 years of age.

First wife's children, Edy Stephenson, six in number, to wit: Francis, Matilda, Andrew, Jasper, William B. and John A., what may be due from their mother's estate

Witnesses: James W. Gaston, William A. Egger, James L. Egger

Recorded: April 4, 1861

Kitty Matthews - Page 82 - Written March 2, 1861

To son, Beverly Matthews, slaves

To grandchild, Kitty Matthews, slave and money

To sons, Samuel Matthews and Robert Matthews, slaves; same to son, Edwin Matthews

To daughter, Ann E. Crusoe, slaves; also horse and buggy

Executors: Sons, Edwin and Robert Matthews

Witnesses: James Whitfield, E. P. Odeneal, George Whitfield

Recorded: April 3, 1861

John R. Egger - Page 85 - Written March 3, 1861

To wife, Hannah Egger, all "lands which I now possess", if she dies or remarries, then to children (not named in will)

Daughter, Nancy Matilda Egger "by defect of nature she is an object of charity and pity", \$100.00

Witnesses: Elzy Williams, Hugh S. Egger, James Egger

Recorded: April 5, 1861

William W. Neilson - Page 87 - Written August 8, 1861

Property to wife and children; to be equally divided, share and share alike. To be divided when wife desires her share; or as each child becomes of age

Executor: Brother, Charles A. Neilson

Witnesses: G. W. Vaughn, J. R. Sparks, C. Vaughan

Recorded: September 21, 1861

Lemuel Westbrook - Page 89 - Written March 22, 1861

To wife, Martha R. Westbrook, one-third of land "on which I now reside". furniture, slaves, etc.

Youngest son, Lowndes Westbrook, shall have land, and other children to share.

Son, Charles Y. Westbrook, slave and \$1,000.00 in cash

Son, James F. Westbrook, money and slave

To daughter, Winny, wife of Robert McDaniel, slave and \$5,000.00

Two step-daughters, children of present wife, Julia and Mary Bennett, \$500.00 each

Four younger children, Louisa, Martha Ann, Mary Jane and Lowndes L.

Westbrook, all home tract of land, consisting of 1,080 acres

Executors: Son, James F. Westbrook; friend, William Jordon

Witnesses: James M. Collins, William B. Brack, Samuel Parker

Recorded: January 17, 1862

Absolom Brownlee - Page 93 - Written ,ay 22, 1861

To sister, Rebecca H. Brownlee, all property, notes and bonds.

Witness: J. C. Ramsey

Probated: January 1862

Nimrod. Davis - Page 94 - February 26, 1856

To wife, Cynthia C. Davis, slaves, furniture, etc.

To son, Andrew Jackson Davis, slave and furniture

To son, Jackson C. Davis, slave and furniture

To daughter, Mary Davis, slave and furniture

All rest to be sold and divided among wife and children

Executors: Wife, Cynthia C. Davis; friends, Robert B. Ellis, William B. Weaver

Witnesses: George R. Clayton, R. W. Leigh, J. H. Sharp, Thomas Christian

Probated: February 1862

From the estate papers of Nimrod Davis the following list of heirs was copied: Joseph Norris and Emily Norris, his wife; Jason (probably the Jackson C. in will) and Cynthia Davis of Lowndes County, Miss.; James M. Davis and George W. Davis of Chickasaw County, Miss.; Newton N. Davis and Rowan W. McMichael and wife, Mary McMichael of Pickens County, Alabama; Sarah Stagg and William E. Stagg, of Clarke County Ext.?, Mississippi.

Nimrod Davis was an early settler of Monroe County, Miss. He married first? Sallie Brownlee Ellis, widow, and daughter of James and Mary Brownlee of Monroe County, later of Lowndes County, Miss.

Mary A. Abbott - Page 96* - Written January 21, 1862

*This will is also recorded on page 125, Will Book One, Lowndes County

To sister, Josephine Laflon?, slaves; to sister, Hollin Clark, slaves

To brother, William Carrington, slaves

To mother(not named), slave; at her death to Lizzie Carrington, daughter of Leonodus Carrington

To brother, Luther Carrington, slave

To niece, Mary Clark, slave

All "Parler" furniture to Mrs. Nancy McCowen

Executors: Thbnas Mayo, McKinney Irion

Witnesses: G. W. Vaughn, G. W. Reese, J. S. Gaston

Probated: February 1862

Dugald McKellar - Page 98 - Written August 11, 1857

To wife, land "on which I live". Land to be sold and money loaned out

out for wife's support. After her death to Anna Louisa Brand.
If Anna Louisa Brand dies while single, property left her to be returned to heirs of Dugald McKellar

Executor: William E. Ervin

Witnesses: W. W. Weir, T. C. Weir, William E. Ervin

Codicil added states that William E. Ervin had died; and appoints William Barksdale executor

Probated: March 1862

Estate papers of Duglad McKellar name only Rachel McKellar, who might have been wife; and John W. McKellar who might have been son or brother

William H. Gray - Page 101 - Written January 12, 1861

States "leaving tomorrow morning to assist in defending our Southern country and should I never return" to daughter Ella Gray, whole estate except \$10,000.00, this to sister, E. N. Potts. If daughter dies without issue, her mother's property shall return to the Spencer estate and "my property to sister, E. N. Potts".

Sister to have control of Ella Gray as long as she lives

Witness: F. A. Jones

Probated: February 1862

John H. Gardiner - Page 102 - Written - no date given but executors state sometime in April or May 1862. This will, also, recorded twice. Second recording on page 133

To wife, Mary E. Gardiner and son, William David Gardiner, all estate, real and personal and mixed, of every description. "As well as in expectancy whether from my brother David W. Gardiner", this to wife and son,

Executors: Wife, Mary E. Gardiner; father-in-law, A. J. Perkins

Witnesses: John Bean, V. H. Shell, David C. Bush

Probated: September 1862

William McCarty - Page 103 - Written November 28, 1861

To wife, land known as "Union Bluff" in lieu of her dower

To daughter, Mary McCarty, slave

The rest to wife and children (not named), share and share alike, except that wife to have only land named above.

Executors: Sons, Thomas and Michael McCarty

Witnesses: Z. P. Landrum, W. P. Craddock, Fleming Goolsby

Probated: September 1862

John R. Brownlee - Page 105 - Written June 25, 1861

To wife, Margaret Brownlee, by Deed of Gift, all of estate

Executor: Brother, James B. Brownlee

Witnesses: J. L. Whitsell (or Whitsett?), James Jones

Probated: September 1862

Lemuel J. (or L.) Cox - Page 107 - Written February 28, 1862

All property coming from estate of father, James B. Cox, deceased to

mother, Sarah E. Cox

After her death, to brothers and sisters, or their heirs

Witnesses: B. F. Beckwith, Josiah Stallings, Joseph Norris

Sworn to: September 1862

Mrs. Mary Glover - Page 108 - Written July 28, 1860

Plantation to be sold, proceeds to be divided between son, Seth Glover and daughter, Eliza Matthews

On January 1st of every year to sister, Matilda Harris, during her natural life, \$50.00

Executor: Edward C. Eggleston

Other children mentioned but not named in will

Witnesses: McKinney Irion, Jr., Ruff Newton, C. R. Crusoe

Probated: September 1862

Robert E. Leigh - Page 111 - Written June 13, 1862

Debts due McKinney Irion, Jr., Elias Jenkins and Joseph E. Leigh to be paid out of proceeds of estate

All remainder to sister, Alice E. Leigh

Executor: Thomas H. Short

Witnesses: James Sykes, E. F. Kemp

Probated: November 1862

Crotia Ann Bartee - Page 120 - Written July 6, 1859

To daughter, Francis Green, \$2,000.00, which with what already given will equal what other children get

To daughters, Mary and Julia Bartee, house and lot in Columbus, Miss., it being the residence of late husband, Neil Bartee

To sons, William Bartee and James Bartee, \$1,000.00 each

The rest of estate to be divided among William, James, Mary and Julia

Executors: Brother, Robert Robson; friend, George C. Brown

Witnesses: Joseph Johnson, Julia E. Tucker, Mary E. Brown, Martin Sims

Recorded: November 19, 1862

Hardin Hairston - Page 122 - Written September 29, 1862

To Samuel H., Sally S., Bettie H., Mary T., Robert P., Joab E., George and Fleming S., children of daughter, Elizabeth P. Hairston, land

To son, George Hairston, land. To S. A. Brooks, slaves

To son, S. H. (or T. H.) Hairston, all interest in lands of estate of Robert Hairston; also lands in Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee

To P. C. Hairston, N. E. Hairston and J. T. W. Hairston, all left land and slaves

One-half of corn, hogs, sheep, individual interest in lands of Robert Hairston, deceased, in Mississippi, including dower lands of Mrs. Ruth Hairston, and the interest purchased of heirs of Mrs.

America Colaway, deceased, given to George P. C., N. E. and J.

T. W. Hairston and Mrs. S. A. Brooks

Executors: George P. C. and N. E. Hairston

Witnesses: D. Love, A. C. Jennings, John Allison

Recorded: November 19, 1862

John T. Melton - Page 126 - August 22, 1862

To wife, all estate, real and personal, during her life or widowhood for support of self and children.

Executors: Wife, Martha A. Melton; and oldest son, John Westly Melton

Witnesses: A. B. Cook, Z. P. Landrum, George H. Harris

Probated: October 1862

John M. Hicks - Page 127 - Written Pickens County, Alabama July 27, 1861

To wife, Sarah E. Hicks, all estate, slaves, land, etc.

\$50.00 to be used by wife toward enclosing father's and brother's graves

Witnesses: William Prude, Isaac G. Nabers

Probated Lowndes County, Miss.: October 1862

Elizabeth Holderness - Page 128 - November 29, 1862

To Bessie P. Irion, daughter of nephew, McKinney Irion, Jr., slaves

To adopted daughter, Harriet Irion, daughter of McKinney Irion, Jr., slaves

To brother, McKinney Irion, Sr., slaves

To niece, Parthenia Barron, wife of Cullen Barron; and to niece,

Elizabeth Irion, daughter of brother, McKinney Irion, Sr., each left \$1,000.00

All rest to be sold and divided among heirs

Witnesses: J. L. W. Fields, C. F. Sherrod, T. H. Short

Probated: December 1862

Samuel F. Butler - Page 131 - Written April 30, 1861

To sisters, Sarah A. Harris and Martha A. Butler, all estate, real and personal

If either of them dies without children, the estate to go to the other, or their children

Executor: Abraham Murdock

Witnesses: Harrison Hale, T. C. Houze, R. A. Peters

Probated: December 1862

John T. McCune - Page 130 - Written November 11, 1862

To wife, Elizabeth F. McCune, all furniture she chooses. All other to be sold by executors

Slaves to be divided between wife and son, Henry A. McCune

Executor: Amzi E. Love

Witnesses: W. W. Humphries, M. G. Bean, J. H. Turner

Probated: December 1862

McKinney Irion, Jr. - Page 134 - Written May 24, 1862

To sisters, E. C. Irion, Cornelia A. P. Irion and Eliza L. Irion, all left money

Estate to wife, Harriet E. Irion, and daughter, Bessie P. Irion; three-fifth to wife; two-fifth to daughter

Executrix: Wife, Harriet E. Irion

Witnesses: Henry B. Whitfield, George Miller, J. M. Billups
Probated: December 1, 1862

Daniel Williams - Page 136 - Written June 11, 1853
To wife, Sarah E. Williams, all estate, Mentions children but they are not named in will
Executrix: Wife, Sarah E. Williams
Probated: January 1863
Daniel Williams states in his will that since it is ahndwritten it would not be necessary to have any witnesses.

John W. Hairston - Page 137 - Page 137 - Written April 29, 1861
To three sisters all estate of every kind. Each sister to draw her share and assume a proportional share of indebtedness
Executor: Dr. D. C. Hairston
Witnesses: Dennis Cook, Daniel B. Norwood, W. H. C. Henderson, E. A. Ervin
Probated: January 1863

Theophilus House - Page 138 - Written January 5, 1863
To wife, P. F. House, during her wodowhood, all estate of every kind. If she marries, then she is to have a child's part.
Should she not marry, then as children come of age, an equal division of the estate to be made
Executrix: Wife, P. F. House
Witnesses: S. D. Reid, A. R. Cook
Probated: February 2, 1863

Haston Collier - Page 139 - Written June 1, 1860
To daughter, Mary A. F. Wood, slaves; not to be subject to the debts of her husband.
To son, Beyerly Collier, all interest in farm, stock, household, etc.
Balance of estate to be divided between sons, John A. Collier and Beverly Collier, as they may agree
Witnesses: D. Q. McMichael, Early Hendrick, Amos Acker
Probated: March 5, 1863

James Hayden - Page 140 - Written March 8, 1859
To brother, Cotten Hayden, \$250.00 a year for the natural life of aged and venerable mother for her maintainance and support; he to be maintained and supported out of same.
To widowed sister, Hope Thayer, \$200.00
To brother, Seth Hayden, \$200.00
To son, George B. Hayden, \$100.00
Remainder to daughter, Harriet Elizabeth Irion, wife of McKinney Irion
To wife, Parthenia Hayden, \$200.00, she having a large separate estate of her own
Witnesses: T. J. Sharp, Henry B. Whitfield, James T. Harrison
Probated: August 1863

James M. Sharp - Page 142 - Written June 14, 1863

Wife, Elizabeth J. Sharp, named executrix; she is to have all property real and personal. If she marries, she is to have a share equal with "each of our children".

If children die leaving issue, their children to have the parent's part. If they marry during their mother's lifetime, she is to assist them as she can without endangering her support.

Witnesses: William T. Symons, G. W. Vaughan, Cornelius Vaughan

Probated: August 1863

William Barksdale - Page 144 - Written October 9, 1857

To son, Ethelbert C. Barksdale, "my political library"

To son, William Russ Barksdale, a watch

To wife, Narcissa Barksdale, all other property, real and personal

Witnesses: E. B. Fort, William W. (or M.) Sheppard

Recorded: August 26, 1863

Green B. Egger - Page 145 - Written February 15, 1863

In consideration for the infant state of his children; to wife, Ann E. Egger, all property, both real and personal

Witnesses: C. T. Polk, A. J. Egger, H. D. (his mark) Polk

Recorded: August 26, 1863

Jefferson L. Edmonds - Page 146 - Written June 2, 1862

To wife, Dorothy Ann Edmonds, plantation in Neshoba County, Mississippi also land, cattle, etc. and slaves

To her, whatever interest "I may possess in slaves coming from the estate of her late Grandfather, Aron Coats, late of Newberry District, South Carolina" (Slaves numbered 120, all named in the will)

To her a house and lot in Crawfordsville County??; also mentions his interest in the Crawfordsville Female Institute.

To her, land in Buncombe County, North Carolina; one-half of this land to go to his sister-in-law, Mrs. S. T. Spencer

Executrix: Wife, Dorothy Ann Edmonds

Codicil added July 10, 1862

Witnesses: James H. Peters, James Jones, Theo. Harvey

Recorded: October 5, 1863

J. A. Cavanah* - Page 149 - Written June 28, 1862

*Index to Will Book One for Lowndes County has - J. A. Cavanaugh

All property to "my only child" (not named); also interest in the estate of W. B. Cavanah

To wife, Mary Eliza Cavanah, \$150.00

~~Two slaves~~ - Elizabeth and Sarah (Cavanah?) to "train up and educate" the child

No witnesses to the will but sworn to by James J. Kerr and Robert H. Moorehead

Recorded: October 28, 1863

Lucinda Campbell - Page 150 - Written July 27, 1863

Ten shares of Columbus and Gen'l Insurance Company to the children of deceased son, George W. Campbell, now in Texas; to be divided among them pro-rate

To daughter, Ann E. Franklin - bequeath not given

Executors: Daughter Ann E. Franklin; son-in-law, Dr. Franklin

Witnesses: Thomas H. Mayo, A. M. Alexander

Sworn to: November 5, 1863

Samuel B. Malone (Doctor) - Page 151 - Written September 12, 1863
House and lot in Columbus, Miss. for use and benefit of wife, Adaline Malone and two minor daughters, Sallie Nancy and Mary Winfield Malone; also slaves.

To older daughters, Ellen A. and Antonett B., slaves
"Shotbag Plantation" reserved for use of wife and minor daughters, also mentions his "Bogue Chitto Plantation"

Executors: Wife, Adaline Malone and sons-in-law: William A. Gibson, Alfred Y. Glover, Drs. Francis W. Sykes and Andrew J. Sykes

Drs. Francis W. and Andrew J. Sykes to be guardian of minor children

Witnesses: E. C. Eggleston, A. E. Love, George C. Brown

Recorded: December 18, 1863

Calvin Perkins - Page 154 - Written November 28, 1863

To wife, Louise A. Perkins, slaves and increase that came by being bought, gift, inherited or otherwise (27 in number); also during her life or widowhood, family residence, land, etc. On second marriage said estate to cease. After her death to go to and distributed agreeably among children "share and share alike"

Witnesses: Thomas G. Blewett, Sr.; A. D. Sears, James T. Harrison

Recorded: December 21, 1863

Lot (Lott) W. Laws - Page 157 - Written December 26, 1863

To wife, Sarah Laws, slave, watch, etc., "I further relinquish to my said wife all right, title, interest and claim on her separate and undivided property, if she makes like relinquishment to interest, right and claim on my estate, except which is devised to her in this clause of my will"

Have advanced to son, Augustus Laws. \$5,000.00

To three children, Early, Rebecca Jane and Dabney Lipscomb Laws, \$5,000.00 each, making them equal to Augustus

Executor: Early Hendrick

Witnesses: Abm. Murdock, William E. Sykes

Recorded: January 1864

Xenophen Halbert - Page 158 - Written January 23, 1864

Have given "all my children that have come of age or married property which is to be charged to them"

To daughter, Victoria, when she comes of age or marries, two slaves

To son, Newton, when he comes of age or marries, two slaves

To wife, Willey Halbert, all rest and residue of property, real and personal; at her death all property to be divided amongst "my children"

Executrix and guardian of children: wife, Willey Halbert; at her death, sons, Ira Halbert, Percival Halbert and James Halbert; or any one of them to be executor

Witnesses: Samuel Hosmer, W. H. D. Carrington, Thomas Christian

Codicil: Sons, Purse? F. and Xenophen Halbert, river land known as Brooks tract.

Sons, Ira Halbert and James Halbert, two more slaves each

Witnesses to codicil: J. M. Copeland, Samuel R. Petty, Joel J. Halbert

Recorded: February 25, 1864

James Henry - Page 162 - Written January 14, 1864

To wife, Emily A. Henry and three children, Robert Henry, Emma Henry and Kate Henry, all estate in equal parts.

Executrix: Wife, Emily A. Henry

Witnesses: Abm. Mardock, Robert F. Matthews, Green T. Hill

Probated: February 1864

William Covington - Page 163 - October 1, 1855

To grandson, James McMorris, \$5.00 and no more, having heretofore given his mother during her lifetime her full share

All rest and residue, real and personal, to wife, Milly T. Covington for her natural life; at her death to be equally divided between two sons, Richard B. Covington and James B. Covington, or their heirs

Executrix: Wife, Milly T. Covington

Witnesses: James T. Harrison, James Hayden, Elijah Brothers

Recorded: May 30, 1864

George W. Eubanks - Page 164 - Written February 13, 1864

Wife, Margaret E. Eubanks, to keep property, real and personal, together for the purpose of raising and educating children.

Reuben H. Scull? (or Suell?) executor with power to transact business for comfort and benefit of family

If wife dies or marries again, then equal division to be made among the children

Witnesses: Tol (Tolamachus) Nabors, S. L. Nabors

Recorded: May 30, 1864

Lafayette Riggs - Page 166 - Written March 28, 1864

Estate in Mississippi to be kept together and worked for the benefit of wife, Mary T. Riggs and three children

When oldest child arrives at the age of 21 years or marries, property to be valued and the portion of said child allotted off; and remainder to continue in common stock until the next child comes of age and is allotted it's part; the remainder to continue in common stock until the last child comes of age or marries. After each child is settled, the remainder to wife, Mary T. Riggs

Property in Daxter, Jefferson County, New York, to mother, Pamela Riggs, during her life; after her death to wife, Mary T. Riggs and children.

Executors: Wife, Mary T.* Riggs; friend John T.* Brown

Witnesses: Thomas Christian, W. M. Green, M. T.* Mixon

Recorded: June 12, 1864

* Because of writing it was difficult to tell if initials were T. or F.

Ishan Harrison, Jr. - Page 167 - Written January 14, 1861 in Mobile, Alabama

Wife, Julia R. Harrison, entire control and management of all property, real and personal

Children to be well educated in all things

Requests that father-in-law, James Whitfield, aid wife in management and business of estate

Executors: Wife, Julia R. Harrison and father-in-law, James Whitfield

Witnesses: John M. Morgan, R. M. Taliaferro, M. McCarthy

Recorded: August 2, 1864

Thomas K. Godbee - Page 169 - Written March 27, 1861

Being about to enter the services of the Confederate States, to two brothers, Albert D. Godbee and Samuel Godbee, all property "which I now have or may hereafter have"

Executor: Thomas Kyle

Witnesses: Jos. W. Field, G. T. Stainback, E. B. Gaston

Recorded: August 2, 1864

Elizabeth T. Russell - Page 170 - Written October 31, 1863

To daughter, Mariah Russell, slaves

To daughter, Florence Russell, slaves

To daughter, Cornelia Russell, slaves

Should either daughter die without issue, slaves to go to the surviving sisters

Executor: Charles R. Jordon

Witnesses: W. B. Travis, J. T. Mickle, S. D. Read

Recorded: August 2, 1864

Thomas Polk - Page 171 - Written June 27, 1859

To son, John Polk, has executed a Deed of Gift of land; and had given him slaves

To son, Thomas J. Polk, by Deed of Gift, land in Monroe County, Miss., already given slaves

To daughter, Mary Clark, wife and consort of Jeremiah Clark, by Deed of Gift, land; also given slaves

To heirs of deceased daughter, Elizabeth McCown, by Deed of Gift, land (containing 120 acres); also to heirs of Elizabeth McCown, five in number, given slaves

To son, Charles T. Polk, by Deed of Gift, land; also given slaves

Witnesses: Green B. Egger, William W. Egger, J. R. Egger of Caledonia, Mississippi

Recorded: October 6, 1864

Mrs. Nancy Moore - Page 174 - Written October 13, 1858

To son, Richard E. Moore, slaves and "whatever I may have or had at time of my death"

Remainder of slaves to be divided into two lots, of equal value as

near as possible and given to daughter, Amanda Sims and "my grandchildren, children of Sarah A. Billups, deceased, viz: John, Joseph, Luson?, Sherrod and Thomas C. Billups, share and share alike".

Witnesses: C. R. Crusoe, H. G. Taylor

Recorded: December 19, 1864

John W. McCown - Page 175 - Written May 23, 1861

All estate to sister, Rebecca McCown

Codicil, Abm. D. Thomas named executor

Witnesses: H. B. Whitfield, J. M. Wynn, Charles A. Hutson?(or Neilson)

Recorded: January 23, 1865

Thomas Emmons Cannon* - Page 177 - Written October 21, 1863

*Estate Docket Book One lists name as Thomas Emil Cannon

Uncertainty of human life, particularly as soldier in Army of the Confederacy appoints Thomas Christian, Esq., executor

All property, real and personal and mixed, to mother, Eliza Jane Cannon and sisters, Sarah Jane Cox, Mary L. Meek, Susan A. Cannon; and brother, William R. Cannon, Jr.

To friend, Joseph W. Askin of Columbus, Miss., horse and buggy harness

Witnesses: George C. Brown, William H. Cook, C. R. Crusoe

Recorded: January 22, 1865

Thomas J. Sharp - Page 179 - Written January 10, 1861

"In response to the call of Governor of my state, I cheerfully leave home to rendivuse at Enterprise, Miss., there to await further orders to support the sacred Cause of Southern Independence"

To brother, Jacob H. Sharp, all estate; then to his children, equally in connection with children of deceased sister, Callie, to wit:

Susan, Hunter, Lawrence and Callie Walker

Executors: Jacob H. Sharp, Nathaniel E. Goodman

No witnesses but handwriting attested by: E. C. Eggleston, J. M. Wynne, James Johnson, George C. Brown and John A. Stevens

Thomas J. Sharp returned home twice after writing will; each time he reaffirmed the will. returning to service in the Confederate Army

Recorded: February 20, 1865

James Hackleman - Page 181 - Written December 25, 1864

To sister, Mary M. Eubanks, slaves for her life, then to children of Ambrose Eubanks, deceased

To nephew, James H. Eubanks, slave

To niece, Mary E. Eubanks, slave

To nephew, John A. Eubanks, slave

To sister, Catherine A. Hackleman, slave and land in Tishomingo County, Mississippi

To children of Ambrose Eubanks; to sister, Elizabeth Hackleman; to

brother, Jesse C. Hackleman; to niece, Mary E. Smith; to nephew,

William H. Foot, all left lands in Tippah County, Mississippi

Sum of \$600.00 to the children of brother, Conrad Hackleman, deceased;

to brother, George B. Hackleman, \$100.00

Mother's and Father's graves shall be marked with tombstones, also "my own grave"

Executors: Brother, George B. Hackleman, and sister, Catherine A. Hackleman

Witnesses: W. R. Hazlwood, Gabriel Shirley, James E. Harvey, L. H. Wood
Recorded: February 15, 1865

Francis M. Roby - Page 184 - Written January 15, 1865

To wife, Eugenia A. Roby, slaves, together with all personal effects of every kind; also any right he may have in the estate of his deceased mother (not named in will)

Executrix: Wife, Eugenia A. Roby

Witnesses: H. L. Hampton, R. T. Scott, M. D.

Recorded: August 9, 1865

Elizabeth Davis - Page 185 - Written June 21, 1865

Elizabeth Davis, dangerously will asked Jesse Knight to draw up and write out her will. She asked him to sign her name as she was too feeble to do so herself. This he did, signing his name, and W. C. Tucker, also, signed his name.

Lot rented until January 1, 1867, then sold. Proceeds to be divided equally between her three children, namely: Roetter, Victoria and Cornelius Mary Virginia Davis. The interest of the two youngest to be appropriated to their education

Present stock on hand to be purchased by James R. Harvey, at regular valuation. Wishes him to attend to the above business

Recorded: August 16, 1865

Susan A. Sands - Page 186 - No date when written but sworn to by Thomas S. Ellis and William F. Fresham, September 6, 1865

Mr. Pool to take charge of all affairs

Mentions "dearest boy who left me". "Dear little Sis to have bureau and bed stead".

If Thomas Ellis returns wants him to take her to live him and educate her well. States, later in will, that Lu would make Tom Ellis a good wife,

Johny to stay with his sisters. After debts are paid, all to be equally divided among children.

"my dear Pink" to have his part of crop of the year '63

Names children: Mida, Lucy, Jimmie and Tommie; Jimmie to have sofa and black trunk. Sis was the youngest child.

Asks Mr. Pool to be guardian of Jimmie, Johny and Rebecca

Because of the way this will was written, it was difficult to tell just how many children there were; one place mentions "my four children"

Probated: September 1865

Richard B. Mixson - Page 188 - Nuncupative will written in presence of Mrs. Mary F. Riggs and Sarah A. Thomas and husband, Abram D.

Thomas, heirs at law and next of kin of deceased

This will consisted, more or less, of statements by the various heirs, and, it also was difficult to abstract. The following is the best that could be done:

"I wish Frances to have everything I leave here". He stated that since slavery had been abolished, he had very little to leave except his land. Frances was his wife, Mary Frances Mixson. Asks that Abram D. Thomas do all he could for Frances. Abram D. Thomas was son-in-law of Richard B. Mixson, and also mentioned was his brother, Dr. Mixson.

Named as a witness was Elizabeth Sturdivant, daughter of Richard B. Mixson; Sarah A. Thomas was also a daughter.

Richard B. Mixson died October 11, 1865

Recorded: November 17, 1865

Thomas J. Lewis - Page 190 - Written March 7, 1854

Wife, Mary A. Lewis, sole executrix; she to sell such as she may deem proper

To wife and three children, Josephine, John Lycurgus and Thomas Samuel Lewis, all estate, real and personal. Property to be kept together and children raised and educated

When oldest child marries, property to be valued and one-fourth part set off to said child. As next child marries, one-fourth of valuation to this child; and so on for all children. At death of wife, all left to the children

Codicil: Wife has since died, appoints Edward W. Iacy executor and guardian of children. Added March 8, 1858

No witnesses but handwriting sworn to by: Thomas Wostenholm, Stephen A. Brown

Recorded: November 22, 1865

Alexander B. Meek - Page 194 - Written October 2, 1865

All estate, real, personal or mixed to present wife, Eliza Jane Meek
She also named executrix

Handwriting sworn to by Samuel M. Meek and William H. Cook

Recorded: January 2, 1866

Nicholas J. Gilmer - Page 195 - Petition by Ellen H. Gilmer, widow of Nicholas J. Gilmer states he died February 23, 1866. That he made his will February 21, 1865

In presence of children, Charles B., aged 15 year and Susan J. Gilmer, about 18 years of age. He declared his wish and desire in regard to his property. Wanted his property kept together; wife to have entire control of same until each child comes of age. Then wife to give such child its share of property

Sworn to March 9, 1866

Recorded: April 30, 1866

Rebecca Winston - Page 196 - Written January 28, 1866

To daughter, Maria C. Hardy, wife of Cornelius Hardy, land

To son, William B. Winston, house, furniture, lands in Kemper, Winston

Choctaw, Neshoba and Attala Counties, Mississippi, and all rest and residue of land (after bequeaths)

To son, Isack Winston, land in Lowndes County, Miss., west side of Tombigby River and adjoining lands of Thomas C. Billups, James O.

Banks and others. Also a tract of land adjoining H. S. Taylor

To children of son, Gabriel Tichenor Winston, the Allman tract of land, with all stock, farming tools etc.; also furniture and a scholarship "which I own in Greensboro College, Alabama".

Son, James M. Winston, land

To son, Robert Winston, land in Oktibbeha County, Miss. on Noxubee River.

Executor: Son, William B. Winston

Witnesses: R. D. Powell, R. D. Eaden, W. H. Hardy

Recorded: April 30, 1866

Elijah Sanderson - Page 199 - Written March 19, 1866

Property not to be sold or divided, same to wife, Elizabeth Sanderson during her life.

Income arising from property to wife, Elizabeth Sanderson, and minor children: James Munire Sanderson, Telula Fletcher Sanderson and Elizabeth C. Sanderson, Clara May Sanderson and Emma Verona Sanderson

Executrix: Elizabeth Sanderson

As long as son, Thomas Jefferson Sanderson remains on plantation, managing same, he shall receive \$300.00 per annum

Authorizes J. H. Sharp "to sign my name to this my last will and testament". Will signed: Elijah Sanderson by J. H. Sharp

Witnesses: W. L. Dupree, R. H. Lipscomb, J. C. McDougal

Recorded: May 19, 1866

Henley F. Drummond - Page 200 - Written January 9, 1864

To wife, Eugenia Drummond, all estate (except slaves), property consisting of nine lots in City of Mobile, State of Alabama, purchased from David Cannon, Jr., and known as Peter Boding place.

Mentions slaves now in possession of brother, Thomas M. Drummond,

of Sumpter County, Alabama. Also a slave in possession of Mrs.

Elizabeth Wetherly (hired by her) of City of Mobile, Alabama

Also names library consisting of Law and Miscellaneous books now in office of L. T. Harris of Mobile, Ala.; also 10 shares of North East and South West Alabama Railroad Company

To respected father-in-law, Col. J. M. Morgan. razors

Executors: J. M. Morgan and wife, Eugenia Drummond

Witnesses: L. Taz Harris, J. R. Eastburn of Mobile, Ala.

Recorded in Lowndes County, Miss.: July 13, 1866

Thomas C. Billups - Page 207 - Written April 25, 1863

Sons, John M. and Joseph P. Billups, executors, they to receive \$600.00 annunally until division of estate

To wife, Frances A. Billups, supplies and money as she may need

To son, Thomas C. Billups, Jr. \$600.00 annunally

To son, J. T. Saunders Billups, fair and liberal amount from estate

To wife, his one-half of house in Columbus, Miss., property, Mims plantation, corn, stock, slaves. etc.

To children, John M., Joseph P., Thomas C., J. T. Saunders and Susan Jane Sherrod Billups, or their heirs

If children die without issue, their wives to have one-half, the other half to return to the estate

Witnesses: James W. Harris, W. H. Williams, William B. Winston

Recorded: October 26, 1866

Allen Brooks - Page 218 - Written January 28, 1865

To wife, Betty Brooks, property (slaves), also everything she owned or brought to the place

Real estate and home tract of land to Phebee C. Gray, Joab W. Brooks, and Elizabeth Henkel. To Elizabeth Henkel, land in Oktibbeha County, Mississippi

States there are heirs, eight in number: Phebee C. Gray, Mary Narcissa Dubose, daughter of Charity Williams, deceased; Mary Strand, daughter of Catharine Weatherall or Caraway, deceased; Joab M. (or W.) Brooks; Elizabeth Henkel; the heirs of Elen Randle, deceased; the heirs of Mary Randle, deceased; the heirs of Georgianna Dops (Doss?)

Mentions James Caraway estate; also an Elizabeth Brooks

Executors: John A. Clayton of Lowndes County, Miss.; James H. Gilmore of Noxubee County, Miss.

Witnesses: D. F. Owen of Crawfordville, Miss.; J. G. Carroll of Starkville, Miss.

Recorded: November 21, 1866

Pleasant Goolsby - Page 231 - Written May 4, 1861

To sister, Agnes W. Goolsby, slaves

To sister, Sarah F. Goolsby, slaves

All rest of estate to be divided between brothers and sisters, viz: Fleming Goolsby, Robert Goolsby, William Goolsby, Agnes Goolsby and Sarah F. Goolsby

Executor: Brother, Fleming Goolsby

Witnesses: William C. Nance, Thomas D. Mullin, Thomas H. Roberts

Recorded: January 19, 1867

The following wills were written before 1866 but were recorded later

McKinney Irion, Sr. - Page 239 - Written January 12, 1861

To children, James M. Irion, Cornelia P. Irion, Eliza L. Irion and Elizabeth C. Irion, estate to be equally divided, share and share alike

If any children die without issue, their part to the others who may be living; but, if any leave children, their share to the children

Executor: Son, James M. Irion

Witnesses: George W. Abert, Isham Harrison, Robert E. Lanier

Probated: February 1867

Thomas G. Field - Page 233 - Written August 27, 1861 at Fort McRae, Florida where Thomas G. Field was stationed with Confederate Army
To two brothers, Eldon C. Field and Joseph H. Field, share and share

alike, or to the survivors of them.

If they die without issue, to niece, Julia Powell, daughter of "my deceased sister, Sarah W. Powell" and August Powell

Witnesses: W. C. Richard, T. J. Sharp, E. T. Sykes

Recorded: February 25, 1867

Oscar T. Keeler - Page 291 - Written February 1, 1864

To wife, Eliza Keeler, entire estate, property, slaves. for her sole use and benefit and their children

Executrix: Wife, Eliza Keeler

Witnesses: N. E. Goodwin, George C. Brown

Recorded: November 25, 1870

Lucy Ann Brown - Page 302 - Written May 21, 1863

In view of leaving for North Carolina, the following:

To cousin, Mortimer Brown, \$5,000.00

To each other cousins, children of John Bright Brown, \$1,000.00

To children of Asa Brown, \$1,000.00 "except Asa to whom I give \$3,000.00, and to Mary Lyman Brown the same amount"

To cousin, Westley Purdy and Eliza Purdy, \$1,000.00 each

To cousin, Ellen Guin, \$1,000.00

To Rev. J. O. Steadman, \$1,000.00

To Charles Egger, son of Laura Egger, \$2,000.00

To Rev'd George Shaeffer, \$5,000.00

To cousin, Sarah B. Norman, \$1,000.00

To Aunt, Mrs. A. M. Purdie, \$1,000.00

To friend, Rev'd J. A. Lyon, \$1,000.00

To Hettie Neely, daughter of friend, Rev'd P. P. Neely, \$1,000.00

To cousins, children of Dr. E. Robinson, \$1,000.00 each except "little Mary" to have \$3,000.00 and like sum to Charles

To cousin, Mary King, \$1,000.00

To second cousins, children of Satter Lloyd, \$5,000.00 each

To cousin, Mortimer Brown "all my silver plate and gold watch and chain, except Silver Tankard", this to Mrs. Guin

Rest and residue, real and personal to be divided among the legatees herein named in proportion

Executor: Thomas Christian; in case of his death, Dr. E. Robinson of North Carolina

Witnesses: Laura Egger, Henrietta Banks, A. C. Christian

Recorded: April 1871?

Elzy Williams - Page 315 - Written December 7, 1863

To wife, Nancy Williams, all property, real and personal, during her natural life. If she marries, all property to be equally divided among children

Codicil: Appoints James C. Williams, Henry J. L. Williams and John A. Egger, or either of them to settle my business and divide property"

Attest to handwriting of Elzy Williams: F. W. McElroy

Filed September 20, 1872

Francis Evans - Page 321 - Written November 2, 1850

To brothers, Richard Evans and sister, Nancy Evans, all property of every kind, real, personal and mixed

They to be executors

Witnesses: Pamela Armstrong, Clarisa Shaeffer

Codicil added 1857 witnessed by: Susan Sheppard, Anna J. Pouncey and John Wells

Filed February 24, 1872

Charles Sturdivant - Page 365 - Written March 1, 1864

To son, Armistead and Bettie, his present wife, land they reside on, commonly called the "Prince Tract". After their deaths to Lela and James Sturdivant, children of son, Charles G. (Gray) Sturdivant, deceased, or their heirs

To son, Robert F. Sturdivant and daughter, Lucy M. Sturdivant "land whereon I now reside" known as the "Winston Tract", bought from Wm. B. Winston; also furniture, etc.

Names the three children, Armistead A., Robert F. and Lucy M. Sturdivant
~~Executor~~: Robert F. Sturdivant

Codicil one, added July 15, 1864: Son, Robert F. had died; all to Lucy M. that was left him.

Codicil two, May 21, 1869: Slavery having been abolished, will to remain in full except such alterations and bequeaths as may hereafter think proper

Codicil three: Reaffirms bequeaths to Lucy M.

Codicil four, April 13, 1871: Appoints Lucy M. executrix

Filed: January 18, 1872

The following was omitted unintentionally.

Thomas B. Thornly, Probate Book "L", pg. 737 - on page 35:

To the lawful heirs of P. S. Thornly, one cent, if they wish to collect it.

James K. Feenster, Will Book One, pg. 46 - on page 54:

To brother, Silas Feenster, horse; and to his son, Samuel C., clock

From Probate Book "N", page 740

Theophilus Richards - Written May 20, 1847

Thirty-five dollars appropriated for suitable plot in I.O.O.F. Cemetery "for interment of my remains"

The sum of \$300.00 for a monument

To John H. Parcell of New York, P. O. Station C, "my fine gold Chronometer"

To nephew, Theophilus Richards, son of Augustus "my small english watch".

To Alfred Tuft in consideration "for services rendered me in my illness" - a note held against him.

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